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NEW YEAR SEEKS BETTER RESULTS FOR ITS RECORD

More Indebtedness Paid Off by Farmers During Past Season.

TAX PAYMENTS GAIN Oil Activity in County Puts Optimism in Prospects for Year.

(By V. L. H.) Ada and Pontotoc county enters upon the broad expanse of the New Year without boom or depression in sight but with firm and steadfast optimism, felt generally for the first time in four years, those in touch with the county's pulse would have us believe.

A general census of opinion among those well versed in the county's successes and failures in the past and with the financial and economical interests of the people of the county at heart, tends to point to a stride of better business and relations between the populace of Pontotoc county.

While the exact state of affairs in any county is somewhat smothered by the wide variance of feelings of its inhabitants on problems of more or less serious nature, but the vital question of interest to the welfare of the county and city for the New Year can be answered in only two ways and Pontotoc county sees fit to answer with a full note of optimism in its future for the year.

The better feeling in the county can be attributed, informers declare, to the surprise in the turn of financial and crop matters this year. When the year of 1923 bloomed into its own, few people expected a revival of business, farmers took a crop failure as a matter of habit from the past two years and hoped for no better. While few feel called on to admit it, the actual figures on incomes from the cotton crop, the principal one for Pontotoc county, show a financial gain over the returns from the past year, according to parties close in touch with the situation.

Diversified farming has had an outstanding effect on the noticeable trend of farming accounts to a better advantage during the past year, it is freely suggested. The help of cows, chickens and hogs on the prosperity of the farmer has been phenomenal in many districts. While prices for these commodities have not been favorable the returns total to a large figure and in another sense provide the farmer with the necessities of life.

Oil Activities Felt The feeling of optimism has received remarkable impetus from the oil activity in the county, which from psychological effect alone has paved the way for a firmer belief in the prosperities of the future. While lease buying in Pontotoc county has been carried on in main among lease dealers, and the money expenditure for lease rights in most instances fail to come directly to the farmer, the flurry from trading breathes an air of prosperity and gives confidence that money is being handled in Pontotoc county.

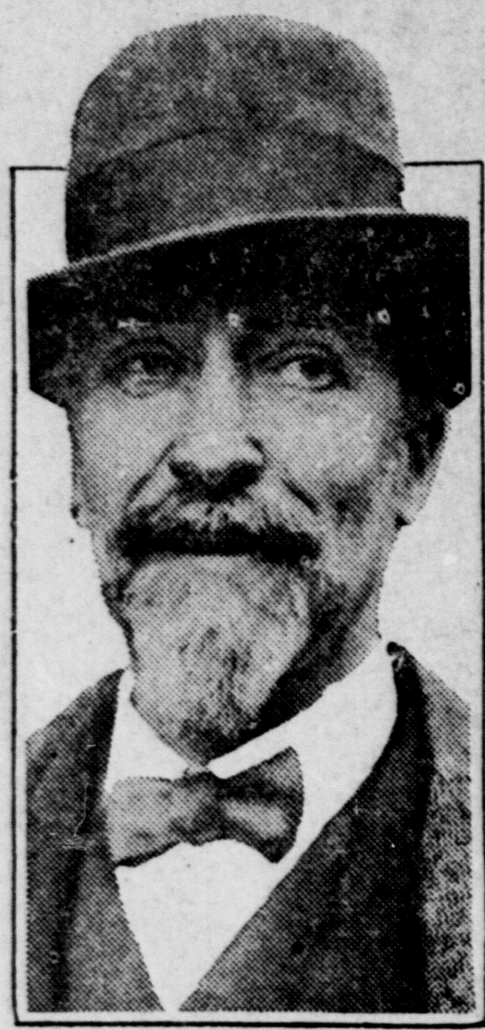
With respect to the future business men declare that there is less indebtedness existing at the present time than at the same period a year ago. A prominent banker, who is in touch with the conditions of the farmers, declares that farmers paid off more outstanding indebtedness to the banks as a result of the last year's cotton crop than during the previous year.

While the prospect for 1924 is firmer financially, a census of opinion points out that the real advantage is derived from the fact that the farming classes have taken on new life and a general feeling of expectancy for better times exists in the county.

As a result of there being less indebtedness with the farming classes of the county, one banker believes that more new financing is in prospect for the coming year and farmers will have less difficulty in securing loans from local banks.

Cotton Proceeds Greater In commenting on the cotton crop for the past season, one banker declared that the cotton crop, which was generally considered a failure in Pontotoc county has enjoyed favorable prices for the product to the extent that more money has been brought to the county this year than last. He placed the estimate from cotton proceeds for the (Continued on Page Three)

BRITISH NAME MEMBERS OF GROUP TO STUDY GERMANY'S FINANCIAL STATE



Montagu Norman.



Reginald McKenna.

Montagu Norman, governor of the bank of England; Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer, and Sir Josiah Stamp, secretary of the Nobel Industries, have been chosen to represent Great Britain as members of the expert committee which will investigate Germany's financial resources. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, former director of the U. S. budget, and Owen D. Young are the American members. Dawes will also serve as chairman.

FIRE LOSSES AT DROP FOR YEAR

Number of Fires Exceed Record of Last Year But Losses Less.

Fifty-two times during the year just closed, Ada's fire fighters have been scurried to their equipment by the ringing cry of the siren in answer to alarms from all parts of the city.

While the proportions of fires reported to the station here have ranged from razing of buildings and losses of thousands of dollars to a lowly grass fire, firemen have nevertheless expounded as many of their principals in getting to the scene of action in one instance as another.

While the number of fires has mounted above the record for last year, firemen have become more experienced in the art of fire fighting and as a result a decided reduction in the total loss from fires is reported over the last year.

The efficiency and earnestness of the Ada fire department has saved the city from a disastrous fire during the year and also merited a favorable report on fire hazards, which has played a definite part in maintaining a low insurance rate.

Firemen are kept constantly on the alert and ready at all times of day and night to stand between the property owner and the hazards of fire. Outside of fighting fires, the regularly employed firemen keep the equipment spick and span and ready for use at a moment's notice.

While the department reported 52 fires for this year in comparison with the 42 for last year, the total loss from fires of this year was \$115,959, while the loss for the year previous was \$20,036.

Under the direction of Fire Chief Somer Jones, a fire prevention week campaign was conducted recently at which time citizens were urged to request the department for an inspection of their premises.

Congress Again on Grind; Oratory Put to Severe Outburst

(By the Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Congress reconvened after the holiday recess and made a voluminous contribution to the archives of congressional oratory.

With the senate still unable to break its deadlock over the interstate commerce committee chairmanship and the house waiting on work of its committees, most of the day at both ends of the capitol was given over to speech making.

A resolution formally authorizing an investigation of the election of Senator Mayfield, Democrat, Texas, was adopted by the senate. A sub-committee will meet in a few days and map out the procedure.

Washing dishes by a newly invented nozzle that sprays either soapy or clear water is easy, says the inventor.

Mabel's Part

(By the Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—What drove Mabel Normand's chauffeur to shoot Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil operator and club man, in Dines apartment here New Year's night, in the presence of Miss Normand and another motion picture actress, Edna Purviance, today was a matter of which the most intimately concerned in the shooting seemed utterly unable to agree. Police as yet have been unable to obtain stories that conform.

THAW TO ENTER FREEDOM FIGHT

Lawyers of Wealthy Scion to Attempt Release from Insane Asylum.

(By the Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Confirmation of reports that Harry K. Thaw would seek his freedom from a Philadelphia asylum to face charges of having whipped Frederick Gump, Jr., of Kansas City in a New York hotel in 1917, today was followed by the announcement that Gump had agreed to settle the \$550,000 civil damage suit against Thaw out of court and indications were that he would let the criminal charge lapse.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The New York Sun states today it has obtained from Bartholomew B. Coyne, the New York lawyer, who for nearly 10 years has represented Harry K. Thaw, full confirmation of a report from Philadelphia that the slayer of Szaferoff White, now accused of whipping a Kansas City boy, would seek to have himself declared sane by Pennsylvania courts.

Coyne, the paper says, plans to have a conference with Thaw this afternoon in Kirkbridge's asylum in Philadelphia.

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 3.—When informed at her home here of the report that lawyers of Harry K. Thaw were planning to fight for his release from Kirkbridge's asylum at Philadelphia, Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Thaw, asserted she would take no action to prevent his release.

"I am legally divorced from him," she said, "and no action he takes will affect me at all. I hold no animosity towards him and neither do I believe he holds any against me. I cannot see why I should have anything to fear if he gains his release."

BILLIE SORRELS HELD ON BLACKMAIL CHARGE

(By the Associated Press) OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—Billie Sorrels, pretty manicurist, was in jail here today while police pursued an investigation into an alleged blackmail plot said to involve a man prominent in the city's business life.

The manicurist was arrested by a police lieutenant who made an appointment with her by telephone to meet him in front of a movie theatre last night.

The girl was surprised when she was taken to jail. She spent the night in a cell.

Police declined to reveal details of the alleged scheme pending the arrest of several other persons they said they were seeking.

Miss Sorrels was in the spotlight last summer locally when she appeared at the police station with L. W. Carr, then employed by a cotton oil company, and reported that they had been held up and she was robbed of a large diamond ring that Carr had given her. The bandit was captured and confessed that he had been hired by Carr to obtain the ring. Carr was married.

MAN ARRESTED AS ED LOCKHART FAILS IDENTITY

(By the Associated Press) PAWHUSKA, Jan. 3.—The man arrested yesterday at Shidler on a charge of highway robbery is not Ed Lockhart, the notorious bandit as reported last night, Sheriff Cook announced this morning when the man was brought here to be placed in the county jail. The prisoner was identified by the sheriff as Fred Johnson, who has been in jail here on other charges.

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CANADIAN HEIRESS SOON WILL WED DANISH COUSIN OF BRITISH RULER



Miss Lois Booth and Prince Erik of Denmark.

Reports of their engagement that have been going the rounds for several months were finally confirmed when the forthcoming wedding of Lois Francis Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth, multi-millionaire Canadian lumber king, to Prince Erik of Denmark, cousin of King George of Great Britain, was formally announced at her home in Ottawa. Prince Erik is now visiting the parents of his fiancée. He is thirty years old and met Miss Booth while traveling in the Dominion two years ago.

KINCANNON HELD FOR MURDER AT MARLOW

(By the Associated Press) DUNOAN, Okla., Jan. 3.—Marvin Kincannon, 22, alleged leader of a mob that caused the deaths on December 17 of A. L. Birch hotel proprietor and Robert Journegan, his negro porter, at Marlow was bound over without bond to await trial on murder charges in district court. Six other alleged members of the mob were also held. The case of the seventh was taken under advisement by county Judge Eugene Rice, who conducted the preliminary hearing.

Those being held with Kincannon are Elza Gandy, Ellis Spence, Myron Wright, Fred Stotts, Lolly Lloyd and Homer Thompson. Judge Rice said he would announce later today whether Frank Cain must stand trial.

Birch and Journegan were killed when a mob visited Birch's hotel with the announced intention of lynching Journegan, who had remained in Marlow three days in defiance of a tradition of years standing that permits no negro to spend the night in the city.

Judgment Rendered for Plaintiff in Oliver Case Here

A judgment was rendered by Justice H. J. Brown for the plaintiff in the unlawful detainment suit of Mrs. Zennie Oliver vs. Thomas Oliver of Francis when the suit was brought before Justice Brown on a charge of venue yesterday. Justice Brown in rendering the judgment ordered restitution of the property to the plaintiff.

The suit has attracted considerable interest in Francis and resulted on the alleged failure of Thomas Oliver to meet rent payments on a building in Francis and his alleged refusal to move out on the orders of Mrs. Oliver.

ROBBERS PILLAGE DRUG STORE WHILE OFFICER IS ILL

(By the Associated Press) OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—While Ray Frazier, chief of police lay slightly ill in his apartment, burglars entered the drug store directly beneath and robbed the proprietor of \$75, all the change in the cash drawer.

Before departing they inquired about the chief's health and purchased a bottle of cough syrup with instructions that it be delivered to him with their compliments.

WHITEHURST AND SPEARS TO ENTER DEMURRER

(By the Associated Press) OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—John A. Whitehurst and Ed L. Spears, president and secretary respectively of the state board of agriculture, entered a joint demurrer today to grand jury indictments returned last week charging them with conversion of state funds. The demurrer will be argued at once. Whitehurst had previously announced he would take no action to block his trial and had asked that a hearing be held as soon as possible.

VICTIMS BURNED TO DEATH WHEN PLANT IS RAZED

Rescue Work Must Wait for Flames to Subside from Rampage.

HOSPITALS FILLED

Twenty Additional Victims Expected to Count from Injured.

(By the Associated Press) PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 3.—Between 25 and 35 persons are believed dead and more than 100 injured in a terrific dust explosion at the starch plant of the Corn Products Co. at Pekin. The explosion occurred at 3:45 a. m. and the plant practically destroyed by the force of it. Rescuers could see the bodies of 25 to 35 victims in the ruins but fire prevented them from reaching the bodies.

It was estimated that it would be several hours before the ruins could be cleared sufficiently for the bodies to be removed. Eighty injured, many of them badly mangled, had been removed from the wreckage at 8 o'clock and taken to hospitals in Pekin and Peoria.

Two hundred fifty men were working in the plant at the time of the explosion. The blast completely destroyed the starch plant building. Fire quickly spread to adjoining structures, one being destroyed. Immediately a call for help was sent to Peoria and firemen, doctors and police with ambulances were rushed to Pekin. When the Pekin hospital was filled with injured others were rushed to hospitals in Peoria as fast as they were taken from the wrecked building. At 7 o'clock the Pekin fire department apparently had the flames under control.

The corn starch factory, built 24 years ago, was the principal industry of Pekin. It was built by a company known as the Illinois Sugar Refining Co. about 18 years ago the plant was sold to the Corn Products Co. and since then has been enlarged many times. It was one of the finest equipped plants of the kind in the country, the factory having been recently enlarged at a cost of \$1,500,000. It was safeguarded by all known safety devices and the disaster is the first serious accident since it was built.

At noon with estimates of the dead still standing at 35 seven had been identified. Fire kept rescuers from removing the bodies which could be seen in the blazing ruins and it is feared many bodies will be destroyed. More than a score of those believed to have perished were trapped in the basement of the plant where work was made impossible by the fire that must be brought under control before removal of the bodies is started. Physicians declare the death toll will be increased by the death of several who were seriously injured. They estimated that at least 20 more would die before night as a result of their horrible burns.

The cause of the blast has not yet been definitely determined but it is believed it was caused by a dust explosion. The explosion was so terrific that several box cars along side the plant were shattered and blown from the tracks. The fire wrecked the starch department, the table and retort houses and kiln house causing more than \$500,000 damage to this department.

Only 22 in Building. Although ordinarily 250 men were employed in the starch house, according to Frank Velde, manager, only 72 men were in the starch powder house when the explosion occurred according to the best information he had. He and Supt. Dawson refused to make an estimate of the dead and injured until they had obtained definite information.

When the blast occurred relatives and friends of the employees rushed from their homes in Pekin to the plant. Between 200 and 300 persons gathered outside the walls after being forbidden to enter while the work of rescue went on. Heroic measures were adopted by fellow employees in aiding victims. The Salvation Army and Red Cross workers from both Pekin and Peoria gave first aid to the injured before they were removed to hospitals.

Corn oil manufactured in the plant was used as an ointment in attending the wounds of the injured. Oil was placed on the burns (Continued on Page Three)

TOMB DISTURBERS CAUSE OF ALARM

Guards at Harding Tomb Find Mysterious Disturbers Active.

(By the Associated Press) MARION, O., Jan. 3.—Soldiers guarding the vault where the body of President Harding is entombed have been given orders to shoot directly at persons causing disturbances around the tomb of the president, Lieut. Harrison in command of the soldiers' guard stationed at the tomb, announced today.

Lieut. Harrison said that ever since the guard had been stationed at the tomb certain persons have been annoying the detachment. At first it was thought that small boys were responsible, but when the disturbance kept up the guard took it more seriously. The disturbers have thrown stones at the two small guard houses which set at the entrance of the vault. At various times bugle has been blown in remote parts of the cemetery around midnight and of late this has occurred almost nightly.

Riot guns have been sent from Fort Hayes, Columbus, headquarters for the guard detachment here and these will be loaded with buck shot and used if the disturbance continues, Lieut. Harrison said.

No cause for the disturbance is known, according to the lieutenant.

TAX PAYMENTS MAILED TO OFFICIALS HERE

Employees of the county treasurer's office have not slackened the speed of their labors in handling the final rush of tax payments on properties in Pontotoc county.

While a deluge of mail, containing tax payments on property in Pontotoc was being assorted and filed, employees of the office were erasing much of the taxable indebtedness in the county.

The mailed payments contain checks from many out-of-town and out-of-state owners of property in Pontotoc county.

While mailed-in payments are being received, it was announced no delinquency penalty would be assessed on tax payments through the windows at the office. This privilege will be permitted until checks for taxes have been receipted, which will probably extend over January 15.

Pat Nagle Ill.

(By the Associated Press) OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—Patrick S. Nagle, socialist leader and close advisor of former governor J. C. Walton, is recovering at a local hospital from a stroke of paralysis sustained yesterday. His condition is said not to be serious.



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THE TRAGEDY

By JANE GORDON

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SHE stood before the mirror in her pretty room regarding with tragic eyes her own reflection. It was a charming picture the young woman made, yet in it she found no pleasure. Sylvia was dressed for a Colonial days party, and gleaming with powder and silvery ornaments. The door opened to admit the aunt, with whom now Sylvia made her home—but for this kindly relative, she was quite alone in the world.

Mrs. Temple came to put a loving arm about the young woman's graceful figure. "My dear!" she exclaimed, "how very lovely! Surely this vision of yourself must banish all fancied shadows. You will have a happy time tonight."

Sylvia caught her breath; her voice broke tremulously. "It is all wrong, I know," she said, "but sometimes I think that I shall never be happy or natural again, Aunt Martha. Tom looks at me as though I were a stranger; as though the one he loved had gone. And so," added Sylvia slowly, "she has."

Sylvia turned from the mirror and went down the stair. At its foot a young man stood, his upraised face baffling in its expression; admiration at sight of the young woman descending seemed mingled with disappointment. He put out his hand. The quaint lady of olden-time garb ignored the outstretched hand and swept on her way. Her uncle greeted her in the living room, already arranged for the evening's celebration. A tall man stood beside him.

"This," said Uncle Robert, "is my friend Dick Dormer. Sylvia, otherwise known as Dr. Richard Boynton Dormer, surgeon."

Sylvia soon found her task of entertaining no task at all; it was the physician who took over the duty. She sat listening as he talked; played for him later in an isolated music room, while he sang in a pleasing tenor voice; walked with him through the conservatory where shaded lights made of the place a bower of enchantment. Indeed, Sylvia, her obsessing sorrow for the first time forgotten, seemed to be moving in enchantment throughout the evening. Ladies with powdered hair, gallants in white curled wigs passed them unnoticed. These two, lately unknown to each other, were content, happiest alone. Across the decorated dining table they conversed with guests merrily, turning always in sympathetic understanding again to each other.

"Dormer," whispered Robert to his wife, "is certainly bowled over by Sylvia. Eyes and ears for no one else. Our little sister has undoubted charm, we know, but Dormer—and so soon."

Mrs. Tyler smiled. "And so completely," she agreed. "Oh, I hope that all may be well. Sylvia deserves happiness; and Tom's desertion—for it amounted to that—made of her late misfortune a tragedy. Of course Sylvia never truly loved Tom; it could not be so. She must love one more worthy. Nevertheless, even a mistaken engagement when broken leaves loneliness. But one night is so short a time to bring love, Robert, and when your delightful friend sees Sylvia tomorrow, when the costume party is over—oh, my dear, must she be lonely still?"

Sylvia and the physician sat, as the hour grew late, apart in the conservatory; a fountain tinkled near, and the glow in the man's eyes deepened as he looked at her.

"I must see you tomorrow," Richard Dormer said earnestly, "and many tomorrows. You may not believe in early love. I shall have to wait patiently. For myself there can be no further proving. I—I love you. Of that fact there is no doubt. To hope that you may one day learn to return that love shall be my comfort and inspiration."

Sylvia's blue eyes beneath their lank lashes shone like stars. Tears filled them, fell unheeded to her cheek. "This," she said, "is but a masquerade; tomorrow you will not wish to win me."

The man leaned nearer. "Explain to me your riddle," he commanded.

Sylvia arose. "Not long ago," she said, "I was taken to the hospital—there was great suffering and fever—it had been an auto accident. They operated on my head. The operation was successful. I recovered. Then, one day they brought to me a mirror. I saw myself, a woman with a snow-white crown. My hair had been the color of sunshine. I could not find myself. It grieved me; made me sensitive of remark and notice—my white, white hair. Youth, it seemed, had gone with the gold. Tomorrow I shall not be able with the rest—Sylvia's voice broke—"to doff my masquerade."

Impulsively, masterfully, the surgeon caught the forlorn, small figure in his arms. "My dear! my dear!" he murmured. "What a beautiful tragedy. I love you just so, in your moonlight. It was I who operated upon that wounded head, watched later from a hospital doorway your shock and wistful sorrow; I who heard of a young lover's consternation over the loss of a certain golden crown. The gold is still in your heart, my Sylvia, the sunshine is in your smile. I shall teach you to love me." Richard Dormer himself smiled. "I must earn the name of wizard, which they bestow upon me." Sylvia looked up to him, in her blue eyes the age old joy.

Russian Communist authorities have prohibited the presentation of the play "Cinderella" because of its allusions to a prince.

SETTING WORLD SWIMMING MARKS IS REGULAR HOBBY WITH THIS PAIR



Gertrude Ederle and Johnny Weismuller.

By NORMAN E. BROWN

When the International Amateur Swimming Federation meets in Paris next July the approval of eleven world's records made by American swimmers will be asked.

Nine of these eleven new marks were set by two stars—Gertrude Ederle and Johnny Weismuller. Miss Ederle alone set five. Johnny scored four. Sybil Bauer and M. Weh-sela of Honolulu established the other two new marks.

Here is the list of remarkable records Miss Ederle has turned in—which have already been accepted as official by the National Record Committee of the A. A. U. All of the records are in the free-style swim. One of them was made in tide water and four in pools.

100 metres, free style (in open water) 1 minute 12 and 1-5 seconds.

700 metres, tank, 1.12 4-5. 220 yards, 2:45 1-5. 200 metres 2:45 1-5. 880 yards, 13:19.

Here is the list that Johnathan turned in:

300 metres, 3:35 1-5. 440 yards, 4:57.

400 metres, 4:57. 500 yards, 5:50 2-5.

The record set by Miss Bauer is 1:26 3-5 for 100 metres backstroke. Weh-sela's record was 1:03 for the free style swim.

The approval of the records by the International body is expected as it is merely a matter of form except where some question has been raised. All the records submitted, however, have been produced under authorized conditions.

Miss Ederle has ranked as the greatest of the American women swimmers for a couple of seasons. Miss Bauer, Ethelda Bleibrey and one or two other fair performers have made things interesting for her, however. Miss Ederle swims under the colors of the Women's Swimming Association of New York.

Weismuller jeopardized his career in striving for the mark he set. For a time it was feared his swimming was over. A temporary heart affliction halted his work for a time and he was sent to the hospital for rest. He has apparently recovered from this, however. He represents the Illinois Athletic club.

Dance Craze Grips at Foggy Heart of London

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON.—Greater London is going dance crazy. The whole city, from its foggy heart to its standardized suburbs, abounds with public dance halls and supposedly private dance clubs, where anybody with a clean shave and evening clothes can pay the price and become a member on a moment's notice.

Hammersmith, which begins where the fashionable West ends, is perhaps the greatest rendezvous in the world for dancers who are middle class but happy. Its "Palais de Dance" has provided room for hundreds of fox-trotters nightly for years, and now a few blocks away at Olympia there has been opened "The biggest dance floor in the world." It is big enough to keep 2,000 couples off one another's feet simultaneously. The opening night 5,000 people rushed in before 9 o'clock and the doors had to be shut on 1,500 more men and maids and matrons who wanted to come in out of the mist.

Just north of the theater district, where there are many dancing clubs for those who can ignore the expense and do not mind having their style cramped by encroaching tables adorned with champagne bottles, there is a dance club with several thousand members. Every night, Sundays as well as weekdays, it is crowded. Tea time is dancing time in the West End for hundreds who have nothing else to do with their afternoon, and in many of the hotels the afternoon dancers have hardly left when the night crowd begins to arrive.

East of the East End dance clubs are springing up on almost as large a scale as west of the West End. The inhabitants of East Ham will soon have a ballroom for 800 couples, and Crickelwood already has a similar place to satisfy its rhythmic impulses. So has Willesden and Willesden Green and many others.

About nine-tenths of all the tunes danced to in these private and public ballrooms of London come here from America. Usually it takes several months for a fox-trot or blues to make the voyage but, at that, London can laugh at the Continental capitals, for in some of them the dance orchestras still satisfy the patrons with "Alexander's Ragtime Band," while every flapper in England has known about the scarcity of bananas for months. American musicians make up most of the better known dance orchestras, for somehow Europeans have never learned to play jazz music well enough to satisfy the discriminating.

It is not necessary to take a girl to most of London's dance halls in

order to dance. Nearly all of them have their own "sixpenny sirens," professional partners they call themselves. One simply walks over to an enclosure ornamented by these young women, picks out the partner one wants; dances with her, and when the music stops she gets her sixpence and returns to her enclosure. Slick haired dancing men are available to women patrons who want partners at the same price, half a shilling a dance.

FILM STAR TO SELL LAVISH COSTUMES

Mae Murray to Get Return on Expensures for "Fashion Row."

What does a screen star do with her gowns and costumes after she has worn them in a production? Mae Murray, called the best dressed woman on the screen, whose latest Metro picture, "Fashion Row," today at the McSwain theatre confessed boldly that she sells them. "Why not?" says Miss Murray, who probably wears more gowns in a single picture than any other actress on the screen. "They represent an enormous cost. All the gowns and costumes that are part of my wardrobe in 'Fashion Row' would represent a king's ransom."

"When worn once, their usefulness, so far as picture work is concerned, is over. No actress would ever dare to wear the same gown in two pictures. Women in audience are too discerning, and too critical. But the gowns are as good as new. It would be a shame to discard them forever. Why not sell them, and realize some of the immense cost expended on them?"

In "Fashion Row" written for her by Sada Cowan and Howard Higgin, Miss Murray wears half a hundred costumes. Robert Z. Leonard, director general of Tiffany Productions, of which M. A. Hoffman is general manager, directed "Fashion Row." Oliver T. Marsh was photographer, and Horace Jackson art director.

Ulster Business Men Urged To Study American markets

BELFAST.—Returning from a trip to the United States, Robert J. McKeown, parliamentary secretary to the Ulster ministry of commerce, urged Ulster business men to visit the United States more frequently, and study the market conditions in America. This, he said, would show that America could absorb everything that Ulster could produce.

Mr. McKeown said he returned with a feeling that something would be done in the near future to reduce the tariff on linen. If that were done it would greatly encourage trade here, he declared.

FIRE PREVENTION METHODS STUDIED

Experts Constantly Study to Prevent Destructive Blazes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Fire prevention is the subject which perhaps more than any other interests the Underwriters' Laboratories, with work shops in Chicago, New York and San Francisco where tests to secure dependable data on all kinds of fire resisting materials constantly are being made. The recent experience of the city of Berkeley, California, with a destructive fire drew attention again to fire resistive roofs. By means of specially designed furnaces roofing materials were once more subjected to the same exposure to fire and wind that they would meet in actual emergency, and the tests showed that there need never be such a thing as a roof fire.

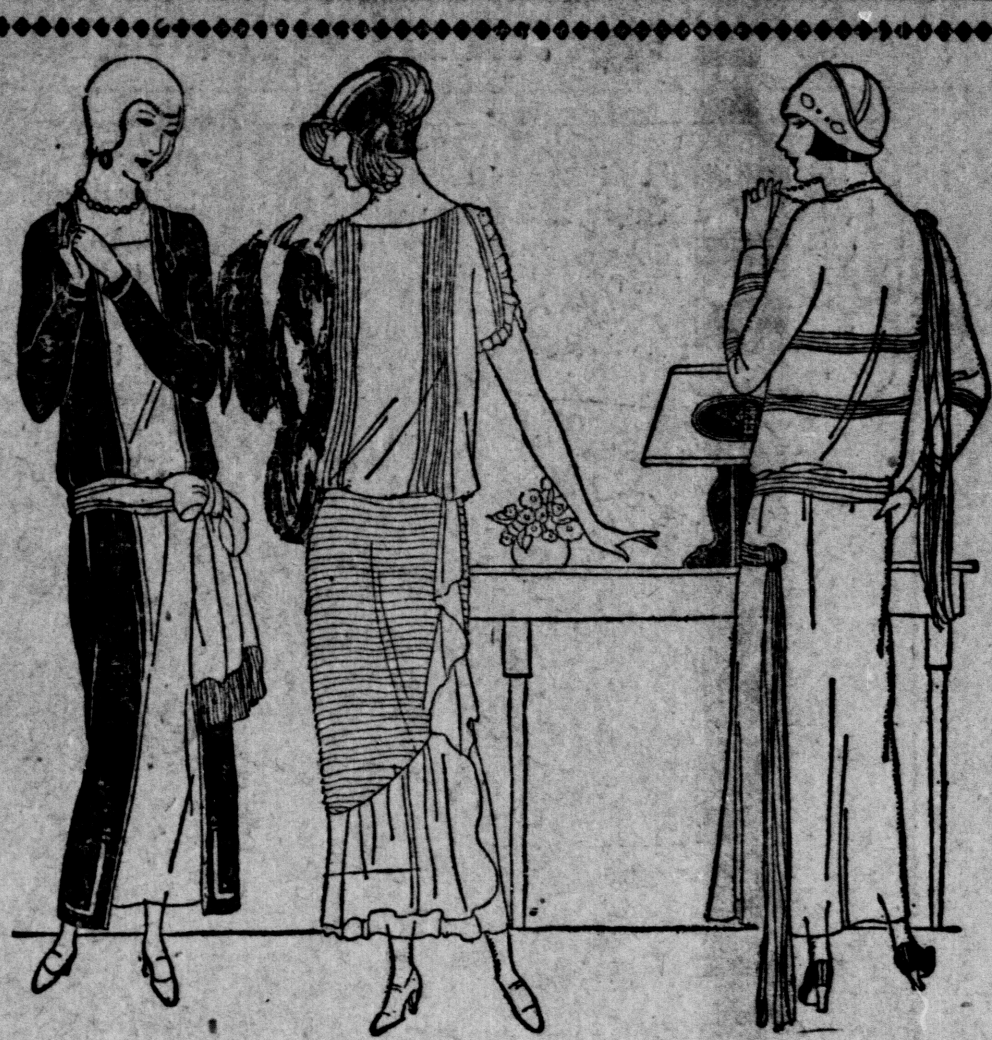
The Laboratories, operated for service under the auspices of the insurance companies, headed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, have had a busy year. Originally they consisted of two men working on one room. They now have three large plants and employ nearly 200 engineers.

Many facts of vital importance have been brought out in the tests of fire doors, fire windows and shutters and building materials, used in walls, floors and partitions. These are compelled to withstand flames at a temperature up to 1700 degrees for periods varying from 45 minutes to an hour, and in some cases even longer. Safes are heated to 1700 degrees for an hour. They are then hoisted 30 feet and dropped on a pile of brick, reheated for another hour, and when opened must show no damage to their contents.

There has been a notable increase in the number and variety of electrical apparatus submitted to the Laboratories, and the small percentage of electrical fires as compared with those from all other causes, is said, according to the annual report of the association, to be largely due to Underwriters' Laboratories' inspection and test.

In the automotive field the Laboratories' tests have included gasoline tanks, fuel feed systems, carburetors, gauges, generators, starting motors, ignition systems, mufflers, exhaust heaters, etc. With the co-operation of the principal automobile manufacturers, research work is being carried on with a view to developing certain new standards of design and equipment.

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NEW YEAR SEEKS BETTER RESULTS FOR ITS RECORD

More Indebtedness Paid Off by Farmers During Past Season.

TAX PAYMENTS GAIN

Oil Activity in County Puts Optimism in Prospects for Year.

(By V. L. H.)

Ada and Pontotoc county enters upon the broad expanse of the New Year without boom or depression in sight but with firm and steadfast optimism, felt generally for the first time in four years, those in touch with the county's pulse would have us believe.

A general census of opinion among those well versed in the county's successes and failures in the past and with the financial and economical interests of the people of the county at heart, tends to point to a stride of better business and relations between the populace of Pontotoc county.

While the exact state of affairs in any county is somewhat smothered by the wide variance of feelings of its inhabitants on problems of more or less serious nature, but the vital question of interest to the welfare of the county and city for the New Year can be answered in only two ways and Pontotoc county sees fit to answer with a full note of optimism in its future for the year.

The better feeling in the county can be attributed, informers declare, to the surprise in the turn of financial and crop matters this year. When the year of 1923 bloomed into its own, few people expected a revival of business, farmers took a crop failure as a matter of habit from the past two years, and hoped for no better. While few felt called on to admit it, the actual figures on incomes from the cotton crop, the principal one for Pontotoc county, show a financial gain over the returns from the past year, according to parties close in touch with the situation.

Diversified farming has had an outstanding effect on the noticeable trend of farming accounts to a better advantage during the past year, it is freely suggested. The help of cows, chickens and hogs on the prosperity of the farmer has been phenomenal in many districts. While prices for these commodities have not been favorable the returns total to a large figure and in another sense provide the farmer with the necessities of life.

The feeling of optimism has received remarkable impetus from the oil activity in the county, which from psychological effect alone has paved the way for a firmer belief in the prosperity of the future. While lease buying in Pontotoc county has been carried on in main among lease dealers, and the money expenditure for lease rights in most instances fail to come directly to the farmer, the flurry from trading breathes an air of prosperity and gives confidence that money is being handled in Pontotoc county.

With respect to the future business men declare that there is less indebtedness existing at the present time than at the same period a year ago. A prominent banker, who is in touch with the conditions of the farmers, declares that farmers paid off more outstanding indebtedness to the banks as a result of the last year's cotton crop than during the previous year.

While the prospect for 1924 is firmer financially, a census of opinion points out that the real advantage is derived from the fact that the farming classes have taken on new life and a general feeling of expectancy for better times exists in the county.

As a result of there being less indebtedness with the farming classes of the county, one banker believes that more new financing is in prospect for the coming year and farmers will have less difficulty in securing loans from local banks.

Cotton Proceeds Greater

In commenting on the cotton crop for the past season, one banker declared that the cotton crop, which was generally considered a failure in Pontotoc county has enjoyed favorable prices for the product to the extent that more money has been brought to the county this year than last. He placed the estimate from cotton proceeds for the

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BRITISH NAME MEMBERS OF GROUP TO STUDY GERMANY'S FINANCIAL STATE



Montagu Norman.



Reginald McKenna.

Montagu Norman, governor of the bank of England; Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer, and Sir Josiah Stamp, secretary of the Nobel Industries, have been chosen to represent Great Britain as members of the expert committee which will investigate Germany's financial resources. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, former director of the U. S. budget, and Owen D. Young are the American members. Dawes will also serve as chairman.

FIRE LOSSES AT DROP FOR YEAR

Number of Fires Exceed Record of Last Year But Losses Less.

Forty-two times during the year just closed, Ada's fire fighters have been summoned to the scene of the burning of buildings and losses of thousands of dollars to a lowly grass fire, firemen have nevertheless, expounded as many of their principals in getting to the scene of action in one instance as another.

While the proportions of fires reported to the station here have ranged from razing of buildings and losses of thousands of dollars to a lowly grass fire, firemen have nevertheless, expounded as many of their principals in getting to the scene of action in one instance as another.

While the number of fires has mounted above the record for last year, firemen have become more experienced in the art of fire fighting and as a result a decided reduction in the total loss from fires is reported over the last year.

The efficiency and alertness of the Ada fire department has saved the city from a disastrous fire during the year and also merited a favorable report on fire hazards, which has played a definite part in maintaining a low insurance rate.

Firemen are kept constantly on the alert and ready at all times of day and night to stand between the property owner and the hazards of fire. Outside of fighting fires, the regularly employed firemen keep the equipment slick and span and ready for use at a moment's notice.

While the department reported 52 fires for this year in comparison with the 42 for last year, the total loss from fires of this year was \$115,959, while the loss for the year previous was \$20,038.

Under the direction of Fire Chief Somer Jones, a fire prevention week campaign was conducted recently at which time citizens were urged to request the department for an inspection of their premises.

Congress Again on Grind; Oratory Put to Severe Outburst

(By the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Congress recovered after the holiday recess and made a voluminous contribution to the archives of congressional oratory.

With the senate still unable to break its deadlock over the interstate commerce committee chairmanship and the house waiting on work of its committees, most of the day at both ends of the capitol was given over to speech making.

A resolution formally authorizing an investigation of the election of Senator Mayfield, Democrat, Texas, was adopted by the senate. A subcommittee will meet in a few days and map out the procedure.

Washing dishes by a newly invented nozzle that sprays either soapy or clear water is easy, says the inventor.

BILL MURRAY LENDS VIEWS ON CONDITIONS

William H. Murray, former congressman and Democratic leader, who was in the city this morning, told friends that he is completing his plans for taking the first contingent of his South American colony to Bolivia in April. He said that these will blaze the way for a much larger number who will go in 1925. Two centers will be established 6 miles ahead of a railroad that is under construction and he thinks the road will be completed by the time the next colonists set out. He is very optimistic over the prospects of his venture.

In speaking of conditions in the United States he said that he expected to see fairly prosperous times until after the presidential election and after that the prospect is not so rosy. He predicts that there will be no permanent prosperity until the national debt is largely reduced and the burdens of taxation lifted. He is of the opinion that at present too great a portion of the burden is being carried by the farmers of the United States.

Capitol to Remain in Mourning Over Death of Pioneer

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—All offices at the state capitol will be closed Friday afternoon while the body of Justice Matthew J. Kane lies in state in the supreme court chamber. It was announced today at the office of Gov. M. E. Trapp, it was declared probable that the capitol would be closed also Saturday morning during the funeral services.

Justice Kane died late yesterday of pneumonia after an illness of less than a week.

He was the only member of the court who had served continuously since Oklahoma became a state in 1907 and was the first member of the original court to die. He was 60 years old.

The funeral services will be conducted from St. Joseph's Catholic cathedral where Justice Kane held his church membership.

JUDGE VACATES DIVORCE OF NINA WILCOX PUTNAM

(By the Associated Press)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 3.—Judge Chester W. Barrows of the superior court in an order today vacating the divorce granted yesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, the writer, from Robert J. Sanderson until she shall appear in person and satisfy the court that she has been a resident of this state for more than two years prior to October 1, 1923.

Cobb Declares Innocence.

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Irvin S. Cobb, the writer, declared today that he was innocent of the charges preferred against him by a game warden at Houston, Texas, for violation of the game laws when he was on a hunting trip in Texas some months ago. He said he would go back to Texas and give himself up.

Mabel's Part

(By the Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—What drove Mabel Normand's chauffeur to shoot Courtland S. Dineen, Denver oil operator and club man, in Dineen's apartment here New Year's night, in the presence of Miss Normand and another motion picture actress, Edna Purviance, today was a matter of which the most intimately concerned utterly unable to agree. Police as yet have been unable to obtain stories that conform.

THAW TO ENTER FREEDOM FIGHT

Lawyers of Wealthy Scion to Attempt Release from Insane Asylum.

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Confirmation of reports that Harry K. Thaw would seek his freedom from a Philadelphia asylum to face charges of having whipped Frederick Gump, jr., of Kansas City in a New York hotel in 1917, today was followed by the announcement that Gump had agreed to settle the \$550,000 civil damage suit against Thaw out of court and indications were that he would let the criminal charge lapse.

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The New York Sun states today, it has obtained from Bartholomew B. Coyne, the New York lawyer, who for nearly 10 years has represented Harry K. Thaw, full confirmation of a report from Philadelphia that the slayer of Sassafras White, now accused of whipping a Kansas City boy, would seek to have himself declared sane by Pennsylvania courts.

Coyne, the paper says, plans to have a conference with Thaw this afternoon in Kirkbridge's asylum in Philadelphia.

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 3.—When informed at her home here of the report that lawyers of Harry K. Thaw were planning to fight for his release from Kirkbridge's asylum at Philadelphia, Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Thaw, asserted she would take no action to prevent his release.

"I am legally divorced from him," she said, "and no action he takes will affect me at all. I hold no animosity towards him and neither do I believe he holds any against me. I cannot see why I should have anything to fear if he gains his release."

BILLIE SORRELS HELD ON BLACKMAIL CHARGE

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—Billie Sorrells, pretty manicurist, was in jail here today while police pursued an investigation into an alleged blackmail plot said to involve a man prominent in the city's business life.

The manicurist was arrested by a police lieutenant who made an appointment with her by telephone to meet him in front of a movie theatre last night.

The girl was surprised when she was taken to jail. She spent the night in a cell.

Police declined to reveal details of the alleged scheme pending the arrest of several other persons they said they were seeking.

Miss Sorrells was in the spotlight last summer locally when she appeared at the police station with L. W. Carr, then employed by a cotton oil company, and reported that they had been held up and she was robbed of a large diamond ring that Carr had given her. The bandit was captured and confessed that he had been hired by Carr to obtain the ring. Carr was married.

MAN ARRESTED AS ED LOCKHART FAILS IDENTITY

(By the Associated Press)

PAWTHUSKA, Jan. 3.—The man arrested yesterday at Shidler on a charge of highway robbery is not Ed Lockhart, the notorious bandit as reported last night. Sheriff Cook announced this morning when the man was brought here to be placed in the county jail. The prisoner was identified by the sheriff as Fred Johnson, who has been in jail here on other charges.

CANADIAN HEIRESS SOON WILL WED DANISH COUSIN OF BRITISH RULER



Miss Lois Booth and Prince Erik of Denmark.

Reports of their engagement that have been going the rounds for several months were finally confirmed when the forthcoming wedding of Lois Francis Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth, multi-millionaire Canadian lumber king, to Prince Erik of Denmark, cousin of King George of Great Britain, was formally announced at her home in Ottawa. Prince Erik is now visiting the parents of his fiancée. He is thirty years old and met Miss Booth while traveling in the Dominion two years ago.

KINCANNON HELD FOR MURDER AT MARLOW

(By the Associated Press)

DUNOAN, Okla., Jan. 3.—Marvin Kincannon, 22, alleged leader of a mob that caused the deaths on December 17 of A. L. Birch hotel proprietor and Robert Journegan, his negro porter, at Marlow was bound over without bond to await trial on murder charges in district court. Six other alleged members of the mob were also held. The case of the seventh was taken under advisement by county Judge Eugene Rice, who conducted the preliminary hearing.

Those being held with Kincannon are Elza Gandy, Ellis Spence, Myron Wright, Fred Stotts, Lolly Lloyd and Homer Thompson. Judge Rice said he would announce later today whether Frank Cain must stand trial.

Birch and Journegan were killed when a mob visited Birch's hotel with the announced intention of lynching Journegan, who had remained in Marlow three days in defiance of a tradition of years standing that permits no negro to spend the night in the city.

Judgment Rendered for Plaintiff in Oliver Case Here

A judgment was rendered by Justice H. J. Brown for the plaintiff in the unlawful detainer suit of Mrs. Zennie Oliver vs. Thomas Oliver of Francis when the suit was brought before Justice Brown on a changed venue yesterday. Justice Brown in rendering the judgment ordered restitution of the property to the plaintiff.

The suit has attracted considerable interest in Francis and resulted on the alleged failure of Thomas Oliver to meet rent payments on a building in Francis and his alleged refusal to move out on the orders of Mrs. Oliver.

ROBBERS PILLAGE DRUG STORE WHILE OFFICER IS ILL

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—While Ray Frazier, chief of police, lay slightly ill in his apartment, burglars entered the drug store directly beneath and robbed the proprietor of \$76, all the change in the cash drawer.

Before departing they inquired about the chief's health and purchased a bottle of cough syrup with instructions that it be delivered to him with their compliments.

WHITEHURST AND SPEARS TO ENTER DEMURRER

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 3.—John A. Whitehurst and Ed L. Spears, president and secretary respectively of the state board of agriculture, entered a joint demurrer today to grand jury indictments returned last week charging them with conversion of state funds. The demurrer will be argued at once. Whitehurst had previously announced he would take no action to block his trial and had asked that a hearing be held as soon as possible.

TOMB DISTURBERS CAUSE OF ALARM

Guards at Harding Tomb Find Mysterious Disturbers Active.

(By the Associated Press)

MARION, O., Jan. 3.—Soldiers guarding the vault where the body of President Harding is entombed have been given orders to shoot directly at persons causing disturbances around the tomb of the president, Lieut. Harrison in command of the soldiers' guard stationed at the tomb, announced today.

Lieut. Harrison said that ever since the guard had been stationed at the tomb certain persons have been annoying the detachment. At first it was thought that small boys were responsible, but when the disturbance kept up the guard took it more seriously.

The disturbers have thrown stones at the two small guard houses which set at the entrance of the vault. At various times bugle has been blown in remote parts of the cemetery around midnight and of late this has occurred almost nightly.

Riot guns have been sent from Fort Hayes, Columbus, headquarters for the guard detachment here and these will be loaded with buck shot and used if the disturbance continues, Lieut. Harrison said.

No cause for the disturbance is known, according to the lieutenant.

TAX PAYMENTS MAILED TO OFFICIALS HERE

Employees of the county treasurer's office have not slackened the speed of their labors in handling the final rush of tax payments on properties in Pontotoc county.

While a deluge of mail, containing tax payments on property in Pontotoc was being assorted and filed, employees of the office were crisscrossing much of the taxable indebtedness in the county.

The mailed payments contain checks from many out-of-town and out-of-state owners of property in Pontotoc county.

While mailed-in payments are being received, it was announced no delinquency penalty would be assessed on tax payments through the windows at the office. This privilege will be permitted until checks for taxes have been received, which will probably extend over January 15.

VICTIMS BURNED TO DEATH WHEN PLANT IS RAZED

Rescue Work Must Wait for Flames to Subside from Rampage.

HOSPITALS FILLED

Twenty Additional Victims Expected to Count from Injured.

(By the Associated Press)

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 3.—Between 25 and 35 persons are believed dead and more than 100 injured in a terrific dust explosion at the starch plant of the Corn Products Co. at Pekin. The explosion occurred at 3:45 a. m. and the plant practically destroyed by the force of it. Rescuers could see the bodies of 25 to 35 victims in the ruins but fire prevented them from reaching the bodies.

It was estimated that it would be several hours before the ruins could be cleared sufficiently for the bodies to be removed.

Eighty injured, many of them badly mangled, had been removed from the wreckage at 8 o'clock and taken to hospitals in Pekin and Peoria.

Two hundred fifty men were working in the plant at the time of the explosion.

The blast completely destroyed the starch plant building. Fire quickly spread to adjoining structures, one being destroyed. Immediately a call for help was sent to Peoria and firemen, doctors and police with ambulances were rushed to Pekin. When the Pekin hospital was filled with injured others were rushed to hospitals in Peoria as fast as they were taken from the wrecked building. At 7 o'clock the Pekin fire department apparently had the flames under control.

The corn starch factory, built 24 years ago, was the principal industry of Pekin. It was built by a company known as the Illinois Sugar Refining Co. About 18 years ago the plant was sold to the Corn Products Co. and since then has been enlarged many times. It was one of the finest equipped plants of the kind in the country, the factory having been recently enlarged at a cost of \$1,500,000. It was safeguarded by all known safety devices and the disaster is the first serious accident since it was built.

List Stands at 35.

At noon with estimates of the dead still standing at 35 seven had been identified. Fire kept rescuers from removing the bodies which could be seen in the blazing ruins and it is feared many bodies will be destroyed.

More than a score of those believed to have perished were trapped in the basement of the plant where the blaze occurred and rescue work was made impossible by the fire that must be brought under control before removal of the bodies is started. Physicians declared the death list will be increased by the death of several who were seriously injured. They estimated that at least 20 more would die before night as a result of their horrible burns.

The cause of the blast has not yet been definitely determined but it is believed it was caused by a dust explosion.

The explosion was so terrific that several box cars along side the plant were shattered and blown from the tracks. The fire wrecked the starch department, the table and retable houses and kiln house causing more than \$500,000 damage to this department.

Only 22 in Building.

Although ordinarily 250 men were employed in the starch house, according to Frank Velde, manager, only 72 men were in the starch powder house when the explosion occurred according to the best information he had. He and Supt. Dawson refused to make an estimate of the dead and injured until they had obtained definite information.

When the blast occurred relatives and friends of the employees rushed from their homes in Pekin to the plant. Between 200 and 300 persons gathered outside the walls after being forbidden to enter while the work of rescue went on.

Heroic measures were adopted by fellow employees in aiding victims. The Salvation Army and Red Cross workers from both Pekin and Peoria gave first aid to the injured before they were removed to hospitals.

Corn oil manufactured in the plant was used as an ointment in attending the wounds of the injured. Oil was placed on the burns.

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VIOLA GWYN

George Barr McCutcheon

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"So I take it," said Striker, "the fellow must be an ardent secondhand dealer," declared the young man angrily. "No gentleman would subject an innocent girl to such—" "All's well that ends well, as the feller says," interrupted Striker, arising from the table. "At least for the present. She seemed sort of willing to go home with her ma, so I guess her heart ain't overlastingly busted. I thought it was best to tell you all this, Mr. Gwynne, 'cause I got a sneakin' idee you're goin' to see a lot of that girl, an' maybe you'll turn out to be a source of help in time of trouble to her."

"I fail to understand just what you mean, Striker. She is an absolute stranger to me."

"Well, we'll see what we shall see," said Striker, cryptically.

Half an hour later Kenneth and his servant mounted their horses in the barnyard and prepared to depart.

"Follow this road back to the crossin' an' turn to your left," directed Striker, "an' fore you know it you'll be in Lay-ford, as they call it down in Crawfordville. Remember, you're allus most welcome here. I reckon we'll see somethin' of each other as time goes on."

He walked alongside Gwynne's stirrup as they moved down toward the road.

"Some day," said the young man, "I should like to have a long talk



"We All Three Knewed Somethin' That You Didn't Know."

with you about my father. You know him well and I—by the way, your lovelorn friend knew him also."

The other was silent for half a dozen paces, looking straight ahead.

"Yes," said he, with curious deliberation. "She was sayin' as how she told you a lot about him last night—what sort of a man he was, an' all that."

"She told me nothing that—"

"Just a moment, Mr. Gwynne," said Striker, laying his hand on the rider's knee. Kenneth drew rein. "I guess maybe you didn't know who she was talkin' about at the time, but it was your father she was describin'. We all three knowed somethin' that you didn't know, an' it's only fair for me to tell you the truth, now that she's

TELEPHONE ETIQUETTE FOUND IN COSTA RICA

(By the Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Costa Rica is getting the telephone etiquette of the world, according to Frank M. Kenney of the International Western Electric Company, just back from after a visit of seven months to San Jose. He says the Costa Rican gentleman or lady never answers the telephone—that duty is left to a servant.

"Costa Rica has absolutely no use for telephone numbers," said Mr. Kenney. "All calls are made by asking the operator for the other subscriber. Consequently, putting through a call is sometimes a long process—something like diplomatic negotiations, particularly if the servant happens to be out of sorts or the telephone operator is not up on all the social registers of the community. Virtually all telephone calls in Costa Rica are put through between three and five in the afternoon and very few at night. The Costa Rica business day begins at seven, night in the morning is late. Then at ten-thirty the shops close for breakfast, to reopen again at twelve-thirty. Last January, fire destroyed the exchange at San Jose and put all

out of the way. That girl was Viola Gwyn, an' she's your half-sister."

CHAPTER III

Reflections and an Encounter.
The sun was barely above the eastward wall of trees when Kenneth and his main rode away from the home of Phineas Striker.

The master was in a thoughtful, troubled mood. What he had just heard from the lips of the settler disturbed him greatly. That beautiful girl, his half-sister! The child of his own father and the hated Rachel Carter! Rachel Carter, the woman he had been brought up to despise, the heart who had stolen his father away, the scarlet woman at whose door the death of his mother was laid! That evil woman, Rachel Carter!

Could she, this foulest of thieves, be the mother of so lovely, so sensitive, so perfect a creature as Viola Gwyn?

He visualized the woman he had known in his earliest childhood. Strangely enough, the face of Rachel Carter had always remained more firmly, more indelibly impressed upon his memory than that of his own mother.

This queer, unusual circumstance may be easily, reasonably accounted for; his grandfather's dogged, almost daily lessons in hate. He was not allowed to forget Rachel Carter—not for one instant. "Always she was kept before him by that bitter, vindictive old man who was his mother's father—

even up to the day that he lay on his deathbed. Small wonder, then, that his own mother's face had faded from his memory while that of Rachel Carter remained clear and vivid, as he had known it now for twenty years.

Then there had been little similarities. Mind you, he existed vaguely as a name, nothing more. He had a dim recollection of hearing his elders say that the babe with the yellow curls had been drowned when a boat turned over far away in the big brown river. Some one had come to his grandfather's house with the news. He recalled hearing the talk about the accident, and his grandfather lifting his fist toward the sky and actually blaming God for something! He never forgot that. His grandfather had blamed God!

Striker had explained the somewhat distasteful scrutiny to which he had been subjected the night before. All three of them, knowing him to be Viola's blood relation, were studying his features with interest, seeking for a trace of family resemblance, not alone to his father but to the girl herself. This had set him thinking. There was not, so far as he could determine, the slightest likeness between him and his beautiful half-sister; there was absolutely nothing to indicate that their sire was one and the same man.

Pondering, he now understood what Striker meant in declaring that he ought to know the truth about the frustrated elopement.

And Kenneth felt a new weight of responsibility as unwelcome to him as it was certain to be to Viola; for, when all was said and done, she was her mother's daughter and, as such, doubtless looked upon him through the mother's eyes, seeing a common enemy.

Still, she was his half-sister and, whether he liked it or not, he was morally bound to stand between her and disaster—and if Striker was right, marriage with the wild Lapelle spelled disaster of the worst kind. He had only to recall, however, the unaccountable look of hostility with which she had favored him more than once during the evening to realize that he was not likely to be called upon for either advice or protection.

He mused aloud, with the shrug of a philosopher: "Heigh-ho! I fear me I shall have small say as to the conduct of this newly-found relation. The only tie that binds us is gone. She is not only the child of my father, whom she feared and perhaps hated, but of mine enemy, whom she loves—so the case is clear. There is a wall between us, and I shall not attempt to surmount it. What a demitasse mess it has turned out to be. I can't prepare to find only the creature I have scorned and despised, and I discover that I have a sister so beautiful that, not knowing her at all, my eyes are dazzled and my heart goes to thumping like any silly schoolboy's. Aye, 'tis a very sorry pass. Were it not so damned upsetting, it would be amusing. Fate never played a wilder prank. What, no Zachariah! Where are we now? Whose farm is that upon the ridge?"

Zachariah, urging his horse forward, consulted his memory. Striker had mentioned the farms; they were to pass en route, and the features by which they were to be identified.

"Well, Marce Kenneth, ef hit ain't do Sherry place, hit shorely am de Short-dan place, an' ef hit ain't neither one o' dem hit mus' belong to Marce Dimm an'—la yo' gwine to stop dere, Marce Kenneth?"

"No, I shall ride out from town some day soon to look the place over," said his master, with a pardonable lordliness or mien, becoming to a landed gentleman. "Our affairs at present lie in the town; for there is much to be settled before I take charge. Striker tells me the man who is farming the place is an able, honest fellow. I shall not disturb him. From what he says, my property is more desirable in every way than the land that fell to my father's widow. Her farm lies off to our left, ef I seem, and reaches almost to the bottomlands of the river. We, Zachariah, are out here in the little prairie land. Our west life extends along the full length of her property. So, you see, the only thing that separates the two farms is an imaginary line no wider than your little finger, drawn by a surveyor and established by law."

They passed log cabins and here and there the line out of commission. Mr. Kenney superintended the rebuilding of the entire communication system of the city.

there pretentious frame houses standing back from the road in the shelter of oak and locust groves. Their passing was watched by curious women and children in doorways and porches, while from the fields men waved greeting and farewell with the single sweep of a hat. On every barn door the gifts of foxes and raccoons were stretched and nailed.

Presently they drew near to a lane reaching off to the west, and apparently ending in a wooded knoll, a quarter of a mile away.

"There," said Kenneth, with a wave of his hand, "is where I shall some day erect a mansion, Zachariah, that will be the wonder and the envy of all the people in the country. For unless I am mistaken, that is the grove of oaks that Striker mentioned. Behold, Zachariah, all that is mine. Four hundred acres of as fine farm land as there is in all the world, and finer unimproved. I feel I am right. There is the house that Striker described, the place where my father lived when he first came to the West. Aye, 'tis not a regal palace, is it, Zachariah? The most imposing thing about it is the chimney."

They were gazing at a cabin that squatted meekly over against the wall of oaks. It was, in truth, the most primitive and insignificant house they had seen that day.

"He was one of the first to build in this virgin waste," mused the young man aloud. "Rough and parlous were the days when he came to this land, Zachariah. There was no town of Lafayette, no neighbors save the rude, uncultured trappers. Now see how the times have changed. And, mark my guess, Zachariah, there will be still greater changes before we are laid away. There will be cities and—la! Look, Zachariah, to the right of the grove. It is all as Striker said. There is the other house—two miles or more to the westward. That is her house."

He drew rein and gazed at the distant house. His face clouded, his jaw was set, and his eyes were hard.

"Yes, that would be Rachel Carter's house," he continued, harshly. "Her maid and my maid lying side by side, with only a fence growing out of the same soil. What an unholty trick for fate to play. Perhaps she is over there, even now. She and Viola. It is not likely that they would have started for town at an earlier hour than this. And to think of the deplorable situation I shall find in town."

And so they rode again, at times breaking into a smart canter where the road was solid, but for the most part proceeding with tireless slowness through the evil slough. Ahead lay the dense wood; they were to traverse before coming to the town.

Suddenly Zachariah called his master's attention to a horseman who rode swiftly, even recklessly, across the fields to their left and well ahead of them. They watched the rider with interest, struck by the furious pace he was holding, regardless of consequences either to himself or his steed.

"This be somebody powerful sick, Marce Kenneth, 'fo' dat man to be ridin' so fast," remarked Zachariah.

"Goin' for a doctor, I s'pose. Regard, he must have coffee from Rachel Carter's farm! There is no other house in sight over in that direction. I wonder if—"

He did not complete the sentence, but frowned anxiously as he looked over his shoulder at the distant house.

Judging by the manner and the direction in which he was galloping, the rider would reach the main road a quarter of a mile ahead of them, about at the point where it entered the wood. Kenneth now made out an unfenced wagon road through the field, evidently a short cut from Rachel Carter's farm to the highway. He permitted himself a faint, sardonic smile. This, then, was to be her means of reaching the highway rather than use the lane that ran past his house and, no doubt, crossed a section of his farm.

Sure enough, the horseman turned into the road some distance ahead of them and rode straight for the forest. Then, for the first time, Gwynne observed a second rider, motionless at the roadside, and in the shadow of the towering, leafless trees that marked the portal through which they must enter the forest. The flying horseman slowed down as he neared this solitary figure, coming to a standstill when he reached his side. A moment later, both riders were cantering toward the wood, apparently in excited, earnest conversation. A few rods farther on, both turned to look over their shoulders at the slow-moving travelers. Then they stopped, wheeled about and stood still, awaiting their approach.

Kenneth experienced a poignant thrill of apprehension. What was he to expect: a friendly of a sanguinary encounter? He slipped his right hand into the saddle pocket and drew forth a pistol which he shoved hastily into his waistcoat, covering the stock with the folds of his cape.

"Keep a little way behind me," he said to his servant, a trace of excitement in his voice.

"Yas, sah," said Zachariah, with more alacrity than valor, the whites of his eyes betraying something more than a readiness to obey this conservative order. It was a foregone conclusion that Zachariah would turn tail and flee the instant there was a sign of danger.

When not more than fifty yards separated the two parties, one of the men, with a word and an imperious jerk of the head to his companion, advanced slowly to meet Kenneth. This man was the one who had waited for the other at the edge of the wood.

Gwynne beheld a tall, strongly-built young man, who rode his horse with the matchless grace of an Indian. Although his companion was roughly dressed and wore a coonskin cap, this man was unmistakably a dandy. His

frigate, or man-of-war bird, was the smallest feet for its size of any fowl, because it spends the greater part of its life on the wing.

high beaver hat observed a jaunty, rakish tilt; his brass-buttoned coat was the color of wine and of the latest fashion, while his snug-fitting pants were the shade of the mouse. There were silver spurs on his stout riding boots, and the wide cuffs of his gambiols were embroidered in silver.

He was a handsome fellow of the type described as dashing. Dark, gleaming eyes peered out beneath thick, black eyebrows, which met in an unbroken line above his nose. Set in a face of unusual pallor, they were no doubt rendered superlatively brilliant by contrast. His skin was singularly white above the bluish, freshly-shaven cheeks and chin. His hair was black and long and curling. The thin lips, set and unsmiling, were nevertheless drawn up slightly at one corner of the mouth in what appeared to be a permanent stamp of superiority and disdain, or even contempt. Altogether, a most striking face, thought Gwynne, and the man himself a person of importance.

"Good morning," said this lordly gentleman, bringing his horse to a standstill and raising his "gud" to the brim of his hat in a graceful salute.

Gwynne drew rein alongside. He had observed in a swift glance that the stranger was apparently unarmed, except for the short, leather gad.

"Good morning," he returned. "I am on the right road to Lafayette, I take it."

"You are," said the other. "From Crawfordville way?"

"Yes, I left that place yesterday. I come from afar, however. This is a strange country to me."

"It is strange to most of us. Unless I am mistaken, sir, you are Mr. Kenneth Gwynne."

WORK STARTED ON NEW PARK FOR INDIANS

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 1.—Work on the new home of the Oklahoma City Indians, champions of the Western league, is well underway.

When the November flood inundated parts of Oklahoma City, the Indian park was in the main channel of the swollen North Canadian river. The champions were homeless when the waters receded. The stands were wrecked and deep gullies had been cut across the playing field. Jack Holland, owner, decided to seek higher ground and obtained a site at Pennsylvania and Virginia avenues and Fourth street, in the southeast section of the city. The grading of the field is under way and probably will be completed this month in Holland said.

The new park, which will cost about \$75,000 will seat 7,500 persons, with ample room for emergency stands and overflow crowds. The grand stand will be built of wood with concrete base. There also will be a small bleacher to seat several hundred persons. Holland is patterning his park after the new Meulbach park in Kansas City.

There will be few posts in the grandstand to obstruct the view of the playing field and instead of the narrow entrances and steps in the old park there will be broad runways.

The club management has obtained a lot adjacent to the park site which will be used exclusively as a motor car park. Parking was one of the inconveniences of a trip to the old Indian home on west Exchange avenue. The park will be ready for the first exhibition games in April, Holland says. Three electric lines will lead to the Indian stronghold.

INTELOUPE SURPRISES FEDERAL TRAPPER IN NEVADA

(By the Associated Press)

RENO, Nev.—O. C. Woods, a federal trapper, reports that recently he was intent on skinning a coyote when he looked up to find himself surrounded by a herd of several hundred antelopes. As they milled around him, eyeing him curiously, he counted 318 of the creatures.

A recent animal census taken by federal trappers estimated the number of antelopes in this vicinity at 1,500. This animal, however, is said to be vanishing rapidly, and the herd in northern Washoe county, Nevada, is believed to be the largest in the United States.

National Bank Call

(By the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a report on the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Monday, December 31.



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"It is strange to most of us. Unless I am mistaken, sir, you are Mr. Kenneth Gwynne."

The other smiled. "My approach appears to be fairly well heralded. Were I a vain person I should feel highly complimented."

"Then you are Kenneth Gwynne?" said the stranger, rather curiously.

"Yes, that is my name."

"Permit me to make myself known to you. My name is Lapelle—Harry Lapelle. While mine no doubt is unfamiliar to you, yours is well known to me. In fact, it is known to every one in these parts. You have long been expected. You will find the town anxiously awaiting your appearance. I am on my way to town, Mr. Gwynne, so if you do not mind, I shall give myself the pleasure of riding along with you for a short distance. I shall have to leave you soon, however, as I am due in the town by ten o'clock. You are too heavily laden, I see, to travel at top speed—and that is the way I am obliged to ride, curse the luck. When I have set you straight at the branch of the road a little way ahead, I shall use the spurs—and see you later on."

"You are very kind. I will be pleased to have you log along with me."

(Continued Tomorrow)

Scene from "THE EAGLE'S FEATHER"

McSwain

Friday and Saturday

It is stated that roosters actually blotted out the sun recently in the Crenberg region, Russia.

The conduct of business is not a proper governmental function. It has been demonstrated time and time again that whenever this has been attempted, the service to the public has been impaired and untold waste has been committed. John S. Phillips, General Manager, National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters.

Though 700 miles further north than Minneapolis, in Edmonton, Canada, the winter temperature is almost the same.

Try a News Want Ad for results.

Wiesbaden Theatre Rebuilt.

WIESBADEN.—The state theatre of Wiesbaden which was well patronized by officers and doughboys when the American troops were in Coblenz and which was badly damaged by fire last March, has been rebuilt and, it is claimed, has the most modern stage in Europe.

Special precautions against another fire have been taken throughout the house. On the stage alone 300 automatic fire alarm connections have been installed.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF ADA, OKLAHOMA

At the Close of Business December 31, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts

Overdrafts

Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc.

Other Real Estate

Bank Building, Furniture and Fixtures

Bonds and Warrants

Bills of Exchange

Cash and Sight Exchange

Total

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock

Surplus and Undivided Profits

Circulation

DEPOSITS

Total

The above statement is correct,

J. I. McCAULEY, Cashier.

HOCKEY TEAM GIRLS PAY EXPENSES ABOARD

(By the Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Fifteen American girls will sail from New York January 12 to seek field hockey honors in England. They are members of the All-United States team selected at the recent intercity tournament in this city to represent America at the international competition in London in March. Prior to the international tournament they will tour England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, playing a series of matches with the leading eleven.

These young women have booked passage on the steamship Majestic. Because of the scarcity of funds in the treasury of the National Girls' Field Hockey Association, each member of the team will pay her own expenses to and from England. While abroad they will be entertained by the British teams. They plan to return to America shortly after the close of the international tournament March 8.

The schedule of matches follows:
January 26, All-England Touring team at London; 30th, West at Cheltenham; February 2, Midlands at Nottingham; 6th, North at Southampton; 9th, match at Glasgow; 10th, match at Dundee; 16th, Ulster at Belfast; 20th, match at Cork; 23rd, South Wales at Cardiff; 29th, Cambridge University at Cambridge; March 3, Oxford University at Oxford; 6th, 7th and 8th, international tournament at London.



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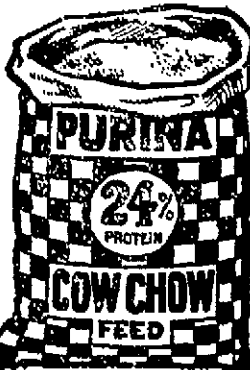
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City Briefs

Get it at Gwyn & Mays.

William H. Murray of Tishomingo is visiting with friends in Ada.

Don't forget the Palm Garden. Phone 193. 11-7-11

Exide Battery Sales and Service Phone 1004. Ada Service & Filling station. 9-5-11

Mayor W. H. Fisher is visiting with friends and relatives in Dallas.

We buy second hand furniture, paying best prices. Phone 438 Shelton Furniture Co. 11-9-11

Try the Red Ball Filling Station. 307 West Main. 24-hour service. Phone 54. 12-14-1mo

County Attorney J. W. Dean returned from a business trip to Tucumseh.

Russell Battery Co., Willard Service and Sales. Phone 140. 8-5-11

Try the Red Ball Filling Station. 307 West Main. 24-hour service. Phone 54. 12-14-1mo

Mrs. S. Jackson and daughter, Marjorie, have returned from Dallas where they have spent the past two weeks with her parents.

Who sells Federal Tires. The Square Deal. 11-12-11

Mike Meyer of Coalgate and daughter were in Ada Wednesday.

C. P. Norman and family, formerly of Hugo have moved to Ada. Mr. Norman has accepted a position with T. M. Yarbrough's jewelry store.

Mohawk Tires. Oliver & Nettles. 12-10-1mo

We buy second hand furniture. Shelton Furniture Co., phone 438.

Dr. Nina Hart and her son Raymond of McAlester spent the holidays with her brother, J. A. Scales and family.

Call your friend at the Palm Garden. Phone 193. 11-7-11

Motor Sales Co., parts and accessories for all cars. 4-11-11

Miss Margaret Robertson of Kansas City spent the holidays with her aunt Mrs. S. J. Armstrong on east twelfth street.

We will call for chickens. Call Ada Poultry & Egg Co. 10-4-1mo

The Palm Garden. Phone 193. 11-7-11

NEW YEAR SEEKS BETTER RESULTS FOR ITS RECORD

(Continued from Page One)
year at \$1,500,000 and the proceeds for the 1922 crop at \$1,200,000, a gain of \$300,000 for the county despite the crop shortage.

Another note of progress for the year just closed is found in the records of the tax proceeds obtained during the year through payment of taxable obligations from property owners of Pontotoc county, which bear out the fact that taxpayers have met their obligations more readily than in several previous years.

Records in the treasurer's office reveal that approximately 1,700 receipts have been filed for the tax payments of the fiscal year of 1923 out of a total of approximately 9,000 assessments on the tax rolls. County officials maintain this is a decided increase over the payments for the fiscal year of 1922. Records on file in the treasurer's office also show that taxpayers have also responded to their back tax payments to the extent that only 20 percent of the 1922 taxes are yet unpaid and only 10 percent of the 1921 taxes have not been met. Officials maintain that much of the outstanding taxable indebtedness has been taken care of during the past year.

While Pontotoc county is grateful for its degree of prosperity for the past year and faces the year of 1924 on a solid basis, at least two serious problems face the people of the county and seems predominant in the opinions of the people. A reduction in Taxes is most desired among all classes, county and city alike. The need of better roads in Pontotoc county is complained of by many, whose opinion of the fate of the year has been asked.

McCarty Bros., can fix that old tire or tube. Phone 835. 11-18-11 Townsend. 7-7-11

F. A. Word, manager of the Choctaw Gin company, will leave for Greenville, Miss., for an extended trip.

We will call for chickens. Call Ada Poultry & Egg Co. 10-4-1mo

M. M. Harwell, general freight and traffic agent of the Katy branch line, is recovering from a fractured ankle suffered in a motor car derailment Saturday.

We drain and wash your crank case free. The Square Deal Service and Filling Station. 10-3-11

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gordon of Sulphur Springs, Texas, were the guests of Mrs. Gordon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carter during the holidays. Mr. Gordon returned home Wednesday but his wife will extend the visit for several weeks.

Crank case not only drained but washed free. A-1 Filling Station.

Lucius A. Maxey left today on a business trip to the factory of the Log Cabin Products at St. Paul, Minnesota. Following this he will locate at Omaha, Nebraska, where he will be division sales manager of a district embracing several states. Mrs. Maxey and daughter accompanied him as far as Oklahoma City where they will be the guests of Mrs. J. J. Maloney a few days before joining Mr. Maxey at Omaha.

Launch Campaign to Make Tulsa Center of Southwest Aviation

(By the Associated Press)
TULSA, Okla., Jan. 3.—Air service reserve officers and commercial aviators of this city have started an active campaign to make Tulsa the leading air center of the Southwest. It was announced here.

One of the first moves toward that end will be the sending of a petition by air service officers here to the government asking the removal of the reserve army field from Muskogee to Tulsa.

A correlated movement of commercial pilots to establish a larger field here, build more hangars and put more airplanes into operation, has also been started.

One of the leaders in the campaign is Lieut. Duncan McIntyre, manager of an airplane corporation here.

TRY SULPHUR ON AN ECZMA SKIN

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Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation instantly brings ease from skin irritation, soothes and heals the eczema right up and leaves the skin clear and smooth. It seldom fails to relieve the torment without delay. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Rowles' Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like cold cream.

Society

MRS. BYRON NORRELL, Editor
Phone 912 between 10 a. m. and 12 o'clock
Phone 107 between 1 p. m. and 5 o'clock

Anderson-Stanley.

The marriage of Arthur L. Anderson and Miss Vassie L. Stanley was solemnized at the Baptist Parsonage Wednesday evening at 6:30 with Reverend O. C. Morris, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

Only the pastor and family were present when the ceremony was pronounced.

The bride and groom are well known in Ada. Mr. Anderson having been employed at the cement plant for a number of years. They will reside in Ada.

Miss Mayme Gilmore Entertains.

Miss Mayme Gilmore entertained Saturday evening with a party, honoring her cousin, Miss Bobbie Bevel.

Games of different kinds were played and music was enjoyed by all, after which refreshments of fruit salad, cake and hot chocolate were served to the following guests: Gwendolyn Robertson, Donnie Gilmore, Grace Fowler, Minnie Philpot, Willie Frances Philpot, Thelma Lanier, Jack McMan, Juano McMinn, Lois Hooser, Carrol Hooser, Glen Hooser, Mildred Philpot, Ikey Gilmore, Ralph Ferguson and the honoree, Bobbie Bevel.

EAST CENTRAL FIVE TO START SEASON

The East Central quintet will break the ice of their basketball season in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate conference with a pre-season series beginning tonight, with the Murray Aggies five at Tishomingo.

While the Aggies games were in doubt for some time, Coach Joe Milam announced yesterday that his pick of basketball material would invade the farmers territory. The results of the game however will have no bearing on the intercollegiate conference as the Aggies do not appear on the conference schedule.

Seven men made up the list of players accompanying Coach Milam to Tishomingo this afternoon. The team consists of White, Waner and Jobe, forwards; Potts center; Johnson, Kelly and Kratz, guards.

The Aggie series at Tishomingo will serve as an opener for the initial conference game here next Thursday when the Southeastern Savages invade the local court with what is claimed by Durant to be the strongest college team in the country. The Durant squad comes here on January 10 following an invasion of northern colleges during the Christmas holidays.

OIL NEWS

N. B. Haney has spudded in at his new location in the Vanoss-Roff field. "Son" expects to push the drilling as rapidly as possible.

The territory extending from range 3-east to 10-east, and between five and six miles north, and an equal distance south of the Canadian river, is getting a big play relative to acquisition of acreage by the larger companies, including a number of the Standard group and particularly independent operators of Tulsa. Some are blocking, while others are checkerboarding. A trend is being played running southeast from the Wewoka field of Seminole county to the Arbuckle mountains.—Ardmoreite.

P. T. A. Meeting.

The Parent-Teachers association of the Willard school will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the school. The Primary department will have charge of the program. Patrons are urged to be present.

RAINBOW NOTICE

The order of the Rainbow assembly No. 6 will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Masonic Hall. Election of officers.—Ramona Kotts, Sec'y.

The Retail Merchants Association will meet tonight at 6:30 at the Harris Hotel. This is one of the most important meetings of the year, and a full attendance is urged.

GOOD EVENING!

The Settee Customer says: "Neighbor Ezra Heppewait's daughter, Elvira's beau wuz here for Christmas an' don't seem t' have made no great hit with her fer she says t' use this mornin' that he didn't spend nuthin' but t' holidays while he wuz here."

Our Daily Reminder:

Is of interest to Milady
Lourday Masque
a beauty treatment to refresh the complexion and reduce wrinkles.

**THOMPSONS
DRUG STORE
PHONE 10**

VICTIMS BURNED TO DEATH IN PLANT

(Continued from Page One)
To relieve the pain.
Fire companies from both Peoria and Peoria responded to the call for aid. The fire quickly followed the explosion but the distance and the severe cold handicapped the fire fighters and rescued workers. Water froze on the ruins and gave an icy mantle to the starch house and powder house. Only the walls of building 27 were standing at 10 o'clock.

Five workmen in cars about 30 feet from the building were missing and believed to have been killed.

On days with good winds, a windmill may develop as much as 100 pounds of coal.

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Delinquency in studies decreased 60 per cent last year at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis. It is believed by the college authorities that the improvement was largely the result of fresher courses in how to study.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION of the

SECURITY STATE BANK

ADA, OKLAHOMA
December 31, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$278,805.99
Overdrafts	271.06
Furniture and Fixtures	18,664.09
U. S. Bonds and Warrants	\$ 90,122.15
Bills of Exchange	16,528.33
Cash and Sight Exchange	170,695.44
Total	\$575,087.06

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	2,082.38
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	513,004.68
Total	\$575,087.06

The above statement is correct,
LESLIE PRINCE, Cashier.

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THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY PLAN.

Governor Trapp is quoted as having declared himself in favor of the abolition of the state highway department as it now exists under the management of a superintendent, and the establishment in its stead of a highway commission composed of well known business men who will serve without salary. It is understood that the governor favors the employment of one of the best engineers obtainable. It would be the duty of the commission to plan the work and duty of the engineer to supply the technical knowledge and careful details.

We are very much in favor of this plan. We believe that much of the important work of the state should be supervised and managed by high-class citizens serving without pay. During the war this state carried on the work of the draft through about one hundred and fifteen separate boards. These boards were made up of the best men in the community and gave much of their time to the work. They served without compensation, with but few exceptions. Membership on a highway commission would not entail the loss of a great deal of time to the members and there are hundreds of men in this state willing and ready to give several days of their time each month to their state if they are convinced that their services are needed and that real things may be accomplished. What is true of the state highway commission is equally true as regards our educational and eleemosynary institutions.—Okmulgee Democrat.

OKLAHOMA ATTRACTS CAPITAL.

That Oklahoma is rapidly recuperating from the effects of the frenzied government of last year is indicated by the news that a syndicate of New York bankers headed by the famous house of Morgan is to invest largely in the stock of the Marland Refining company, in fact they are going to put it in the position of being the largest and best financed independent producing and refining concern in the country.

That these men have done this with their eyes open there can be no doubt and it means that they feel assured that stable government is permanently restored and that capital need have no doubts as to what may happen in Oklahoma in the future.

This change has been brought about through the efforts of leading oil men and bankers in Oklahoma with eastern connections and through the publicity given to Oklahoma resources and a reversal of its communistic leanings sent out by organizations like the Shawnee board of commerce, which has done more to offset the injurious advertising of Oklahoma than any other one institution, the facts being given in a definite way at public meetings and through the daily newspapers.

Oklahoma is in good standing again over the land and the awful nightmare of the first half of last year is already being forgotten. The time to work together for results is here, team work is necessary, and with intelligent direction the "comeback" will be even swifter than was the downfall of the great state.—Shawnee News.

Nevada has adopted a lethal or sleeping gas as a method of inflicting capital punishment and in a short time three men will be placed in a closed room and the gas turned in. It is said that the gas does its work painlessly and that the condemned men will pass away without realizing that death is approaching. This is intended to be more merciful than hanging or the electric chair, but to the condemned man the form of death probably matters little since the result is the same.

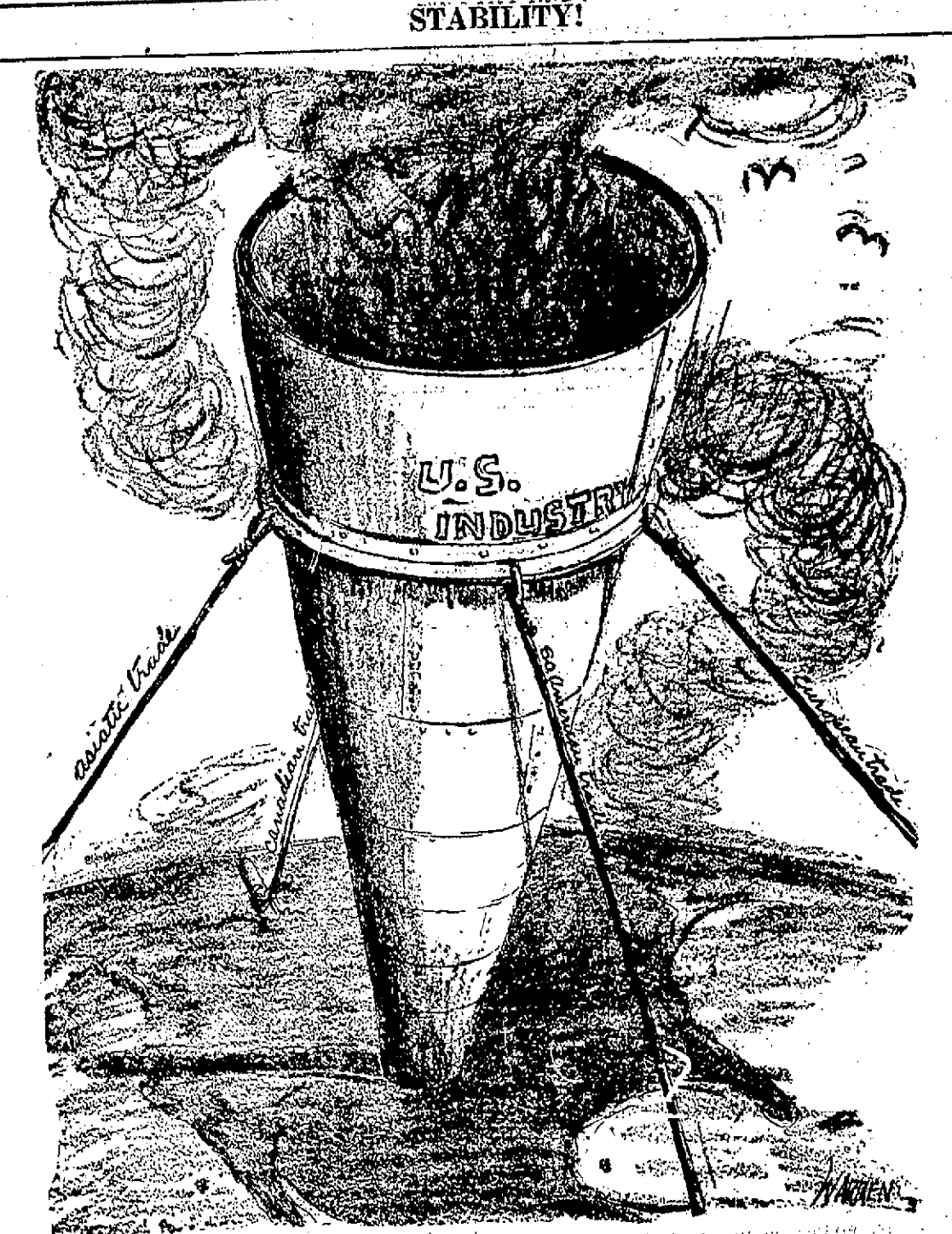
Harry Thaw is getting back in the news columns again after being out of the spotlight several years. He is trying again to get out of the insane asylum. Thaw's life has been a strenuous one for a good many years trying to keep out of the electric chair, then trying to keep out of the United States after escaping from the Matteawan asylum and now trying to get his freedom from his present place of confinement.

In making forecasts of the business situation for 1924 no one has suggested that it will be affected by the presidential election. Experience has proved that fears expressed in former years on this account were unfounded. No matter who was elected the government remained on a solid foundation and the stars and stripes still fluttered as serenely as ever.

Leap Year has rolled around again and surely a lot of bashful bachelors should be roped and branded before its close. By way of encouraging the good work the Oklahoma City News is each day running cuts and thumb-nail sketches of eligibles of that city. This should give the girls a line on the maverick herd.

In recent years even the biggest and most cold blooded concerns have learned that courtesy pays big dividends and it is an established part of their policy. In fact, courtesy pays in every walk of life from the highest to the lowest.

Let a NEWS WANT AD get it for you.



The Forum
By the Press

Truth About Oklahoma.
(Shawnee News)

No more constructive advertising has ever been done for the state than is now being done by the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company, a Bylesby corporation subsidiary, controlling the electric power and gas service in many of the principal cities of Oklahoma including Shawnee, Oklahoma City, Muskogee, Holdenville and Nowata.

This company has just issued a neat brochure and under the title of "Here Is the Truth About Oklahoma" gives a careful analysis of the citizenship of the state, the agricultural resources, the livestock, interest, minerals, manufacturing, transportation, finance, climate, school, jobbing and retail business, setting forth figures in connection with each of the subjects treated.

Summing up the proposition the circular says: "What of Oklahoma's future?" This is answered by the statement that the only way to foretell the future is by the past. Hardly a generation old the state now has over 200,000 farms, modern cities have sprung up and are enjoying an uninterrupted growth. The oil industry has been developed intensively. Transportation far exceeding that enjoyed by many of the older states is available.

The educational interests of the state have been developed intelligently and to a point where the institutions of higher learning are continually taxed to take care of those who apply for admission from the secondary schools. A growing appreciation of art and literature is pronounced. The state is awake to its own potential strength.

In the first generation Oklahoma has attracted many who have given their whole time and attention to the development of oil or other interests and have thus given little thought to the development of the state along broader lines. Men who have prospered are now turning to the finer things in life and are showing an appreciation of the state, which has given them the opportunity to get ahead in the world. This means that Oklahoma is finding herself, developing a pride of state which enthralls and puts energy back of developments of a public nature and the year 1924 is going to show the effects of this more than any of those which have preceded.

MODERN LAWLESSNESS
(Houston Chronicle)

This is the age of progress—change is the order of the day. We appear to be advancing, whether we are or not.

Even lawlessness is different from what it used to be. The men who violated the law in days past did so furtively and with every endeavor to escape detection. They seemed to realize that what they were doing was wrong. They knew they were breaking the rules which society had made for its protection, and rarely took human life to get money. But lawbreakers have progressed beyond that nowadays.

They rather prefer the crowded street car or crowded street. They hold up citizens on the public highway, and shoot down cashiers and watchmen and messengers bearing money as remorselessly as they would kill a rat.

CALL FOR SETTLERS
IN PART OF STATE

(By the Associated Press)

CLAREMORE, Okla., Jan. 3.—In an effort to bring settlers to the undeveloped agricultural lands of Northeast Oklahoma, the Northeast Oklahoma chamber of commerce which local interests are affiliated, has decided upon a plan of publicity to be launched soon, it has been announced.

There is more undeveloped farm lands in northeast Oklahoma than in any part of the country, A. Bee Guthrey of Tulsa, secretary of the chamber, said. He declared the land is very fertile and if Oklahoma can induce farmers to come here and settle these lands will increase the valuation of the state several million dollars.

Oklahoma is in dire need of more agriculture, Guthrey asserted. As it is, he said, residents of the state now depend almost entirely upon foreign products for their tables.

It is planned by the chamber of commerce to run a series of advertisements in book form to be distributed over the entire nation. The chamber believes this will be most effective in attracting the attention of farmers outside the state.

A real estate committee has been formed by the chamber to list available farm lands and anyone seeking information will be provided with all details of open tracts and will be offered suggestions as to how this land may be made most productive, either in farming or cattle raising, the chamber announced.

German Kills Self Rather Than
Share Home as Law Directed

TREPTOW, Germany. — Paul Nickel, formerly chief of the local board of Treptow, killed himself rather than surrender two rooms of his dwelling to a family with many children, in accordance with an order of the housing committee.

Nickel, who was 70 years old, had realized the commandeering of his rooms, but when it became evident that he would lose the case and be forced to share his home with strangers, he shot himself. This did not kill him, so he hanged himself, leaving a letter saying he could not bear to have part of his home taken from him.

DRUG MAKERS OPPOSE
SWISS STAND ON OPIUM

(By the Associated Press)

GENEVA—A campaign is under way in the German speaking cantons of Switzerland to influence the Swiss government not to subscribe to the Hague opium convention, as is earnestly desired by the United States and other countries who are taking the lead in the world war against opium. International con-

STABILITY!

A man who was arrested in a hold, flagrant attempt to violate the prohibition law, in which he defied the officers and ships of the nation, boasted that he had won the title of the "King of Bootleggers."

The bootleggers and the bank robbers are organized in unconcealed antagonism to and defiance of the government. They challenge all the agencies and officers of the law.

The bootlegger, especially, is contemptuously defiant of law.

When any man, or body of men, or any class or clan, deliberately organizes to defy the law it is time for all good citizens to wake up and take counsel together and inquire whether objection to any law is sufficient excuse for its violation by any man, whether it be the declared enemy of the law or the man who violates in secret himself and sympathizes with its violation by others.

ferences will be held in Geneva next year to carry on the fight against opium on the basis of the American principle that the use of narcotic drugs should be restricted to medicinal and scientific purposes.

There is much manufacturing of narcotic drugs in Switzerland, and the government never has adhered to the Hague convention, chiefly for the reason that the cessation of drug manufacture would prove a serious economic loss to the Swiss people. It is, however, doing its utmost to arrange whole-hearted participation in the anti-drug movement. Several newspapers in the drug manufacturing centers are waging a campaign against the government's policy, declaring that Swiss co-operation means further financial losses to a people already suffering from the effects of the high Swiss exchange.

Diphtheria death rate of last year among the insured wage-earners was the lowest in the past 11 years.

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Chill Tonic
Destroys Malarial Germs
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The preference for White Swan
Coffee—universal in the Southwest
—is the biggest possible tribute to
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who have tried it say that after using
the first three pounds of White Swan
no other kind will satisfy.

Get White Swan Coffee at your
grocer's today—one and three pound
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WAPLES-PLATTER GROCER CO.
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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF

Oklahoma State Bank

ADA, OKLAHOMA

As made to State Bank Commissioner
At the close of business December 29, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts\$597,182.38
Real Estate, Banking House and Fixtures .. 30,210.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)\$ 55,162.27
Liberty Bonds and Warrants .. 31,132.64
Cash and Sight exchange 255,768.71
TOTAL CASH RESERVE 342,063.62
Total\$969,456.00

LIABILITIES

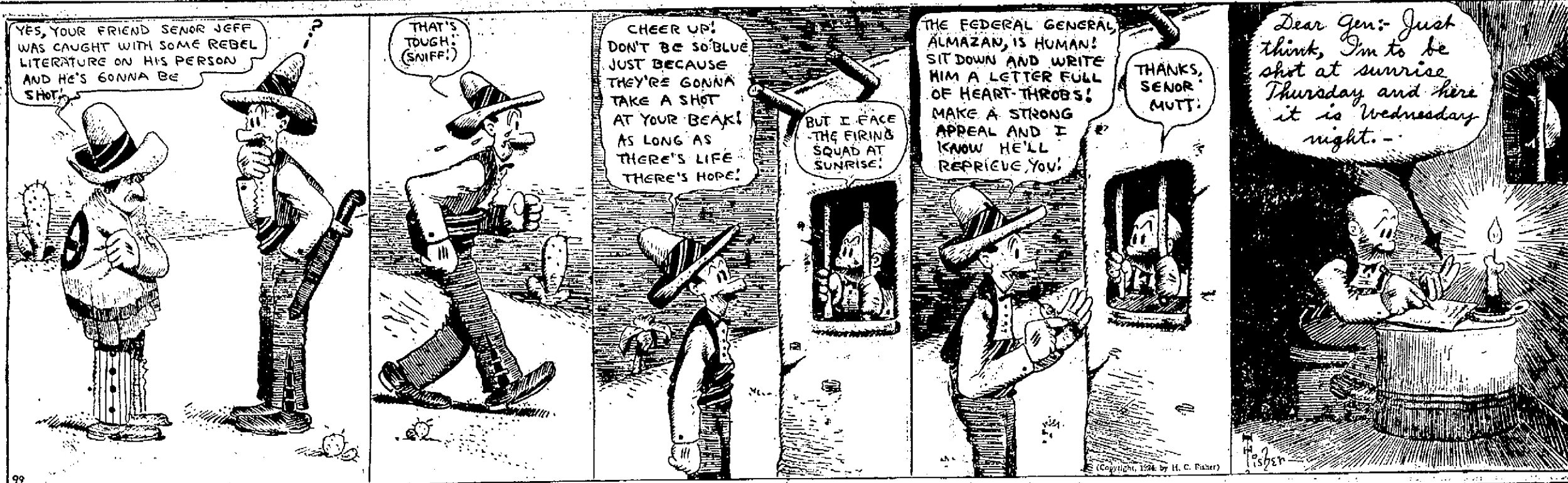
Capital Stock\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits 36,164.20
DEPOSITS 833,291.80
Total\$969,456.00

The Above Statement is Correct.

C. H. RIVES, President
H. P. REICH, Vice President
E. J. STAFFORD, Vice President
L. A. ELLISON, Cashier
H. J. HUDDLESTON, Asst. Cashier

MUTT AND JEFF—Mut Attempts to Raise an Army of Gringroes.

By Bud Fisher



SOMEONE ELSE ON THE FIRING LINE



DOUBLE CODE OF MORALS DENOUNCED BY WILL NIGH

The so-called dual-standard of morality, elastic for the husband and rigid for the wife, comes in for a scathing denunciation by Will Nigh, famous author-director in his latest super-picture, "Marriage Morals," at the McSwain theatre today.

"One of the greatest evils of our day, all the worse because it has the sanction of tradition, is the countril code which permits the husband to insist upon liberty and license for his past, and very often for his present, while he at the same time insists upon a standard of morality for his wife, which he would never dream of measuring up to himself, and for any infraction of which he can and does punish his wife with a fanatical ferocity worthy of a Salem witch-burner, while the world looks on with approval and aids with its scorn and ostracism."

"I think this anomalous and unreasonable state of affairs is all wrong. While I don't hold with frantic feminists who want equality with men in everything, I do agree with them when they demand of their future husbands what the husbands by custom and convention expect of them—a clean heart, a clean mind and a clean conscience. "Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and turn-about is fair play; and if it's alright for the man to play ducks and drakes with a woman's heart and marry and settle down when he gets good and ready, then it's alright for a woman to do so too.

"We know chaos would obtain and civilization would tremble on the brink of savagery, if such a condition should prevail, yet the danger of a feminist revolution is always around the corner. "With this thought in mind I prepared the story of 'Marriage

Morals," showing a fast-stepping, high-spot-hitting young millionaire who insists upon his "liberty" to the neglect of his wife, his child and his home. Being a typical member of the genus male, he doesn't like it one little bit when his wife starts emulating his excellent example and goes him one better, just to show she's not so slow. "The inevitable consequences makes drama, good strong drama, with an appeal direct to the heart, according to the critics in New York."

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.
The regular semi-annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the News Publishing and Printing Co. will be held at the office of the company, 114-116 North Broadway, Ada, Okla., Tuesday, January 8, 1924 at 7:30 p. m.

W. D. LITTLE, Secretary.
1-3-1td
Read all the ads all the time.

LODGES

I. O. O. F.—Ada Lodge No. 146, regular meeting every Thursday.—Ben Wilkerson, N. G., H. C. Evans, Sec'y.

Ada Chapter No. 78 O. E. S. meets second and fourth Thursday nights in each month.—Margaret Crawford, W. M., Cora H. McKee, Secretary.

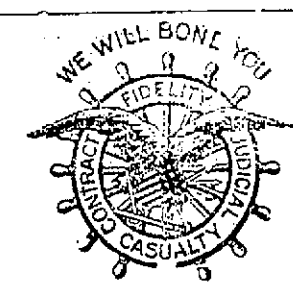
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Magnolia Lodge No. 145, meets every Tuesday night. Visiting Knights cordially invited.—C. A. Cummings, Chancellor; Robert T. Williamson, K. of R. S.

K. T. M.—Ada Commandery No. 26, Knights Templar Masons meets the third Friday night of each month.—J. C. DEAYER, E. C., F. C. SIMS, Secretary.

A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting of Ada Lodge No. 119, Monday night on or before the full moon in each month.—M. O. Matthews, W. M., F. C. Sims, Secretary.

R. A. M.—Ada Chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons, meets the second Tuesday night in each month.—W. P. LEE, High Priest, F. C. SIMS, Secretary.

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Fine Watch Repairing
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IF IT IS
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SEE WARREN
AND
SEE BETTER

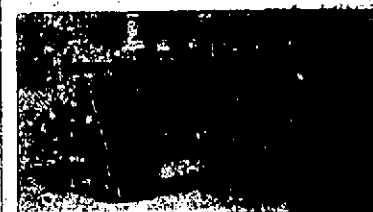
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The price of advertising under this head is 1¢ a word a day, with a minimum charge of 25 cents. If run by the month, the rate is \$1.25 a line. Except for those who run regular monthly advertising accounts, all classified advertisements must be paid for when given in.

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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, 223 South Cherry. 1-2-21*

FOR RENT—Rooms. 630 East 15th. 12-28-6t*

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms, two blocks from Normal, 800 East Tenth. Phone 121. 1-3-3t*

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bed rooms, 301 East 13th. Phone 538. Mrs. Holmes. 1-4-1mo*

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment conveniently located where things don't freeze up. Phone 853. 1-3-3t*

FOR RENT—Room for two girls with board next door. 522 East main. 1-3-3t*

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms, 331 East 15th. Phone 176-3. 1-3-3t*

FOR RENT—One room for girls. Call at 922 East Main or Phone 724. 1-3-2t*

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms and apartments, close in 504 East Main. Phone 1129. 1-2-21*

FOR RENT—Modern furnished apartment—217 East 15th street. Phone 691-R. 1-2-1m*

FOR RENT—Two nice bed rooms. Phone 119 after 5 p. m. Mrs. R. O. Lawrence. 11-23-1mo

FOR RENT—Bedroom, private entrance and connecting bath, for ladies. 1010 E. 9th phone 451. 1-2-3t*

FOR RENT—Nice furnished bedroom for gentleman, private entrance, connecting bath. 728 East Main. Phone 470. 12-30-6t*

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Three fabric tires at bargain. Oliver & Nettles. 1-3-3t*

FOR SALE—Three pure bred R. I. Red roosters. Phone 1064-W. 1-3-1t*

FOR SALE—Complete stock of groceries and fixtures, located at 417 South Oak. 12-30-4t*

FOR SALE—Lot by owner. East 13th street, College Addition. Joe Hardin, Phone 922-W. 1-2-31*

FOR SALE—At half price of cost; small stock of general merchandise and fixtures. Will rent building. S. Jacobson. 1-2-3t*

FOR SALE—1921 model Ford Roadster, and one top buggy. Both cheap. See Earle Dawson at 730 East Ninth street. 1-2-3t*

Try a News Want Ad for results

WANTED

WANTED—Help at East Main Cafe, 120 East Main. 1-2-21*

WANTED—Ford touring or roadster body.—Ada Service and Pilling station. 1-3-5t*

WANTED—Two unfurnished rooms Phone 197.—D. B. Weston. 1-2-2td*

WORK WANTED—By college student, afternoons and Saturdays. Know city. Olga White, 521 East 16th. Phone 299. 1-2-3t*

WANTED—Second-hand furniture; we pay the top price.—Shelton's Furniture Co. Phone 438. 6-18-1mo*

WANTED—Your mattress work; cotton or feathers. Phone 170. Ada Mattress Factory, 400 East Twelfth. 1-3-3t*

WANTED—By January 15th, 3 room furnished or unfurnished apartment with garage. Call Mrs. Sydney King at Burk's Style Shop. 1-3-1t*

MISCELLANEOUS

PLEATING—Mrs. Alta Binn Allen. 231 West 14th. Phone 186-W. 12-3-1mo.

FOUND

FOUND on South Rennie, girl's brown brush wool hat with tan and green band. Owner can get same by paying for this ad. Call at Ada News. 1-3-1t*

Ada Produce Market
(Furnished by Ada Hide and Produce Market.)

Hens, per lb. 13c
Fryers, per lb. 14c
No. 1 turkeys, per lb. 15c
No. 2 turkeys, per lb. 10c
Old tom turkeys, per lb. 11c
Ducks, per lb. 10c
Geese, per lb. 8c
Roosters, per lb. 6c
Broilers, per lb. 13c
Eggs, per doz. 35c

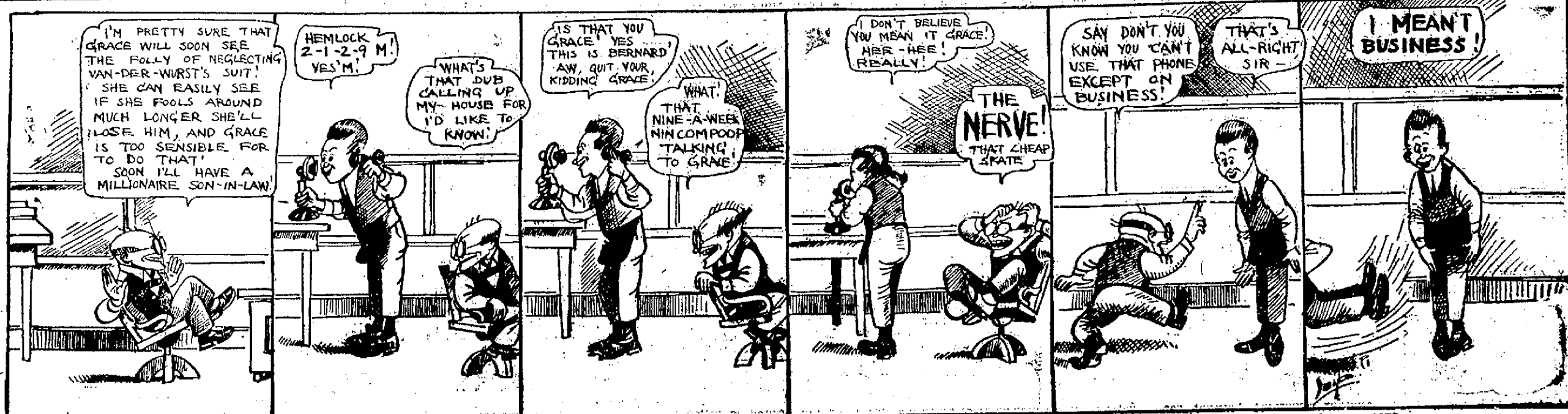
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Player Piano For Sale

I have for sale an extra fine Player Piano at a bargain price; only been used a short time. For inspection call on J. R. Wilson next to City Hall.

H. C. Thompson

Room 4 Over First
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DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS—Who was violating any rules anyhow.

By F. L. FISHER

RAY ALLEN WRITES
OF HIS CHICAGO TRIP

Since I have been asked to write in regard to boys and girls club-work and my trip to the International Stock Show at Chicago, I take great pleasure in praising the clubwork and what it has done for me and will do for other boys and girls if they will only put forth an effort and strive to accomplish something. Club-work equips boys and girls for future men and women of the farms with a broader vision and a clearer understanding—not only of their individual responsibility but also with the cause and effect of economic influences upon their united efforts in the interest of maintaining a sound and prosperous agricultural world.

Agriculture is the basis of prosperity in our nation, and it must be placed and continued on a sound economic basis, and I know of no better way toward gaining this end than by enlisting the best thought and effort of the club members of our community.

For the past five years I have been an active worker in club-work in our community—at the end of each year, I can see the result of my efforts put forth in club-work, which makes me more ambitious and determined to accomplish something in the coming year's work. For the past two years I have been president of our club in the Love-lady Community and have won various prizes at the Township and County Fairs, which has helped me to make the best all-around record in club-work in Pontotoc county this year. This record gave me a free trip to Chicago with all my expenses paid. The happiness and training that I received on this trip cannot be valued in dollars and cents.

I left Ada Friday, November 30th in company with Mr. Norrell of Ada for Oklahoma City. Here the Santa Fe boys congregated and were met by Mr. B. A. Pratt, our State Club Agent. We left Oklahoma City for Chicago on December 1st and arrived there on December 2nd.

After we had disposed of our baggage at the Y. M. C. A. Hotel, we proceeded to observe the sights of the city and Lake Michigan. Each boy in our company was filled with excitement as we viewed those enormous buildings and the manner in which traffic was carried on. The entire day was spent in viewing the City.

On Monday we boarded a street car reserved for club members and went to the Fair Grounds several miles out from the business part of the city. There we saw the prize stock from all over the United States and Canada. We saw the wonderful improvements in machinery of all kinds. The day was spent in seeing new and wonderful things—things of which we had never heard or dreamed of before.

One especial thing that attracted my attention was a large ear of Iowa Gold Mine Corn which measured twenty-two inches long.

On Tuesday we visited the Armour Packing Company's plant where we heard some good singing and speaking. We also saw how they butchered 1500 head of hogs daily and 2000 sheep an hour. We watched every step taken from the time the animal was killed until it was ready to cook. At dinner we were honored by a big banquet. I also saw a big wooden breaking plow which was used by the Armour Company one hundred and twenty years ago. In the evening we visited the Wilson Packing Company's plant and were honored by a banquet from them that night.

On Wednesday we visited the Museum and Art Galleries which were also very interesting. We visited the International Harvester Company who also gave us a big banquet and showed us through their plant. The rest of the evening was spent in visiting Montgomery Ward & Company who also gave us a banquet that night.

On Thursday we visited the zoo. There we saw all kinds of animals with corals and pens arranged to resemble their native haunts. The entire day was spent at the zoo studying the different animals of the world. At night the Santa Fe Railroad gave us a banquet where we enjoyed some fine singing and lecture.

On Friday we started for home. At Oklahoma City the crowd separated and went to their homes in different parts of the state.

It would take several volumes of books to tell all I saw but perhaps I have told enough to let you know how much I appreciated the trip. Impressions have been made on my mind that will all ways be of great value to me. It has given me more ambition and determination to be something greater along life's road than ever before.

I also want to thank our state leaders—Mr. B. A. Pratt and Mr. Lowery and our County Agent, Mr. J. B. Hill, all of whom have done all they could to make our visit a success and let us have a great time. I also want to thank the Santa Fe Railroad for their kindness and hospitality they showed to us while on our trip.

The only thing I regret is that I wish more club-members could have gone and enjoyed themselves as I did.

A Club Member,
RAY ALLEN,
Stonewall, Okla., Route 2.

A European inventor, it is reported, uses a column of water instead of an electric wire to transmit electric power. The current passes through the water with the same facility, whether the water is in motion or stationary, and can be delivered at any desired frequency or in more than one phase.

N. M. A. to Urge Automobile Plank in Party Platforms



Left to right: Col. Thad H. Brown, Ohio Secretary of State; Judge Walter D. Meals, President N. M. A.; President Coolidge, Fred H. Caley, President O. S. A. A. and Secty. N. M. A.; Richard H. Lee, Vice Pres. N. M. A.

For the first time in automobile history, automobile owners of the nation will attempt to have a motor plank included in the national political platforms.

The National Motorists' Association has taken the lead in presenting this subject, following the reception of its delegates and officials recently by President Coolidge at the White House. At that time the president outlined his personal views regarding the automobile.

"The motor car," he told the N. M. A., "has raised the people and has given them a new outlook on life."

"To experience its greatest fulfillment, the motor industry must be provided with good roads."

"It is desirable, moreover, to see that this great enterprise and activity have an equitable method of taxation, and in obtaining these activities and benefits, I want to tender to you my most hearty cooperation and support."

In his address to congress, the N. M. A. also points out, President Coolidge voiced his policy on highways in these words:

"No expenditure of public money contributes so much to the national wealth as for building good roads."

Since the president's speech has been widely construed as an outline of his platform for re-election, N. M. A. officials believe that the proposal of a plank on motoring will meet friendly consideration at the hands of those who will formally draft the convention resolutions.

Southern Panhandle Of
Alaska Seeking Separate
State From Government

(By the Associated Press)

JUNEAU, Alaska.—Statehood for the southeastern part of Alaska, the Panhandle, is expected soon to be asked of congress. Meanwhile residents of that district, expressing themselves in a convention here last month, have asked congress to form the territory of South Alaska.

This part of Alaska embraced, when the census of 1920 was taken, 21,433 of Alaska's population of 57,000, living in 115,000 of the 590,884 square miles of the northern corner of the American continent (that President Lincoln's secretary of state, William H. Seward, bought from Russia for \$7,000,000).

The proposed territory or state, for whose formation the convention prepared two memorials to congress and framed a suggested organic act, would include all the first judicial division of Alaska in its present status and about one-third of the third judicial division. The first division is the Panhandle, a strip running about twenty miles wide between British Columbia and the Pacific Ocean. The third division is southwestern Alaska, including all the southern coast running from the northern end of the Panhandle far out to the end of the Aleutian Islands.

The promoters of separate statehood for South Alaska were inspired, according to numerous formal publications, by the desire to be set off from the second judicial division, vast western and northern Alaska, with Nome as its best known point, and the fourth division, interior Alaska, with Fairbanks, often called "the Chicago of the north," as its metropolis.

The two memorials to congress stated the request of the Panhandle to be formed into the territory of South Alaska and that "in time that the people residing there desire that the drainage area of Prince William Sound and Copper River should be incorporated with the first division" had been received. One of the memorials set forth that "the people of southeastern Alaska would welcome inclusion in the separate territory for which they pray of said drainage area of Prince William Sound and Copper River and the territory east thereof or any part of it if it be the desire of the people thereof and of congress."

Lively agitation for a separate state for South Alaska began last summer when the late President Harding, on his return to Seattle, said in his last address, six days before his death: "Alaska is destined for ultimate statehood. In a very few years we can well set off the Panhandle and a large block of the connecting southeastern part as a state."

Scott C. Bone, governor of Alaska, said recently that the desire for statehood was "perfectly natural and logical, based on the arguments of proponents of division of the territory that southeastern Alaska's resources and interests are different from those of other sections."

Another argument brought forward for division of the territory was stated in one of the memorials as follows:

"This separation has become necessary for the development of the resources of the first division. There are no geographical, business or personal ties between our divisions and the second and fourth divisions."

"Notwithstanding that they each have only a small and scattered and steadily decreasing population, and combined contribute only 7.7 percent of the revenues of the territory, they each have the same number of senators and representatives in the territorial legislature as are permitted to the first division. Through their combined representation they have continuously and unjustly taken for their own use large portions of the revenues collected in the first division, and at each succeeding session of the legislature they endeavor to impose, and through their combined efforts often succeed in imposing, new and additional taxes upon our fishing, mining and other industries, while at the same time they protect their principal industry of placer mining."

The assessed valuation of the incorporated towns in the Panhandle division is \$10,971,000, and the estimated value of improvements in the unincorporated villages and towns and on the farms is \$6,000,000.

In the Prince William-Copper River area proposed as part of the territory and state of South Alaska, the assessed valuation of the incorporated towns is \$1,391,798, with improvements outside these places put at \$2,000,000, besides investments covered as follows: Mining, fishing and other industrial plants and equipment, \$5,000,000 in addition to the investments in the Kennecott, Latouche and other mines along the Copper River and North-western railway, and this railway and the coal and oil development in the Kakila district, \$40,000,000.

In the Panhandle, according to one of the memorials, are the following tangible blocks of wealth: "Municipal schools and other municipal investments, \$523,000. Banks—invested capital, \$725,000; deposits, \$6,524,000. Of the latter sum, \$1,562,000 is saving accounts."

"The fisheries in 1920 represented an investment of \$34,073,734 and employed 12,605 persons. In that year 82 canneries packed 2,225,011 cases of salmon valued at \$13,384,967. In 1923 64 canneries operated with an estimated packed 2,950,000 cases valued at \$14,630,000."

"There are twelve operating mines valued at \$9,775,000 and employing 1,250 men."

"Fox farms number 94, valued at \$1,575,000."

It was set forth that there were 13 sawmills in the Panhandle, one pulp mill worth \$85,000 employing 40 men, and undeveloped water power of 460,110 horsepower besides 35,000 developed. It was asserted that the first division had 75,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber and all other divisions 6,000,000,000.

"The principal industries of south eastern Alaska," said the memorial

GERMAN DRUGGIST SENT TO JAIL—SCORNEO PAPER MARKS

(By the Associated Press)

BERLIN.—Six months in jail and a fine of ten trillion marks was the sentence imposed on a Frankfurt druggist for refusal to take paper marks in exchange for petroleum. He told the court he had to pay for the oil in some sort of stable money and consequently did not know how he could replenish his stock if he sold for paper marks.

Under the laws of the republic paper marks are legal tender and the judge had the druggist hustled off to jail immediately, explaining that such treatment of the dealer would have good effect on other merchants and afford the public protection.

AMERICAN NURSES GET
PRAISE OF BULGARIANS

SOFIA.—American nursing and hospital methods are being introduced in the Bulgarian Red Cross Hospital in this city as a model for hospital practice throughout Bulgaria. The work is being conducted under the auspices of the American Red Cross and is in charge of two American war nurses, Miss Rachel C. Torrance and Miss Theodora Le Gros. Miss Torrance has been doing pioneer work in Bulgaria since 1914 and Miss Le Gros has been engaged in the work in Sofia about a year.

The two nurses were assigned to the present work at the request of Ivan E. Gueshoff, president of the Bulgarian Red Cross. They have a class of 23 student nurses, and one of the visible results of their efforts is the elimination of the hospital atmosphere from the Red Cross hospital, which, as conducted by them, has become a modern American institution in almost every respect.

"Miss Torrance and Miss Le Gros are doing a great work for us," said Mr. Gueshoff recently. "We want hospitals conducted on the American model despite all our poverty. The only way to accomplish that is to get American trained nurses. And these noble women are enabling us to do it, thanks to the American Red Cross."

Two Drunks Fined

Two drunks attempted artificial warmth in lieu of the cold wave forced on Ada and found their efforts led them to the doors of the county jail. Their sentence was reviewed by Acting Mayor Charles Deaver and their fines assessed at the regular tune.

COUNTY ROADS CONDITION
NOW REPORTED FAVORABLE

The roads in Pontotoc county will not suffer to any great extent from the freeze of the last two days, is the belief of county commissioners. Grading work and other repairs on the roads before the freeze had rendered them in a fair shape and the result will be noticed after the ground is relieved from its coat of ice.

FOREIGN CLOVER
SEED VALUELESS

Crop Association Puts Stamp
of Disapproval on Im-
ported Product.

(By the Associated Press)

URBANA, Ill., Jan. 3.—Warning that foreign clover seed that is pouring into this country in unusually large quantities, is worthless and that the American farmer will be made to suffer enormous and unnecessary losses, and the clover crop of the nation be greatly injured if steps are not taken to protect him, is contained in a letter written to Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, by J. C. Hackleman, of the University of Illinois, secretary of the International Crop Improvement association.

According to Mr. Hackleman, the red clover seed crop in the United States does not exceed 45 percent of normal this year and for this reason there is a threatened importation of 30,000,000 pounds of red clover seed, enough to plant 3,000,000 acres, from France, Italy, Argentina and Africa. This seed, Mr. Hackleman said, has been tested in all portions of the United States.

"Comparative tests of clover seed from various sources, native and foreign, conducted by experiment stations in the majority of clover growing states," his letter says, "show conclusively the worthlessness of imported European seed, particularly that of Italian and French origin, which represents the bulk of the importations."

The letter is the result of the fourth annual meeting of the International Crop Improvement association, at which the situation was discussed and a resolution adopted placing the association on record against such importation. Mr. Hackleman's letter was approved and signed by the "clover seed situation" committee of the association which consists of H. D. Hughes, Iowa State College, S. C. Salmon, Kansas Agricultural College and J. P. Cox of the Michigan Agricultural College.

RUM ROW TURNS TO
NEW SMUGGLING BAN

(By the Associated Press)

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N. J., Jan. 3.—State authorities claiming to have reduced to a thin trickle the flood of holiday liquor which has been pouring ashore from Rum Row, have set about checking the smuggling of diamonds, narcotics and aliens, in which the rum fleet and bottle fishermen are reported by residents to be actively engaged.

Colonel H. Norman Schwartzkopf, head of the New Jersey state police and Major Kimberling of the Trenton headquarters, declared that these complaints have become so numerous that they have planned to station state troopers here permanently.

Several Chinese are known to have been smuggled in at Perth Amboy recently. The authorities asserted also that many shore rum-runners were transporting narcotics to New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Trenton, Newark and other centers.

"We know diamonds are being smuggled into Highlands. Water-witch and Atlantic Highlands," said Sergeant Tishie, assigned to this phase of the "trooper" activities. "They are too cheap there. Persons suspected of being in the rum business are offering diamonds at ridiculous prices, and one of the biggest men in the trade is reported to have boasted—even to the police—that he can get diamonds duty free."

PLEASANT WEATHER IN
SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

(By the Associated Press)

SOFIA, Bulgaria.—It has rained very little in Bulgaria since last August, and the resultant drought has seriously damaged the autumn sown crops. The lev has dropped 30 points in the last month because of the poor agricultural outlook, coupled with repatriation demands. Crop experts predict that unless it rains soon next year's harvest will be a failure.

The water supply of Sofia has been cut down by one-half, and there has been more than one serious fire. The street lights have had to be reduced by two-thirds.

In the middle of November of 1922 children were throwing snowballs in Boris park. Now the park on moonlight nights is filled just as it is in summer evenings with strolling couples. A year ago the slopes and the summit of Mount Vitosha were covered with snow; today they still show signs of verdure.

A "trouble bureau" is operated by the Service-Citizens of Delaware an organization which co-operates with the state department of immigration in preparing foreign-born persons for citizenship. More than 1,000 problems concerning naturalization were presented to the bureau during the past year by 745 applicants who needed help. These applicants represented 33 nationalities.

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MONTHLY REPORTS SLATED
FOR EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 1.—Monthly reports on the employment situation in manufacturing industries in Oklahoma, are to be issued by the state labor commission, the inauguration of the project to take place this month, according to Claude E. Connally, commissioner.

These reports not only will show the actual number of workers in the manufacturing industries but will indicate the condition of the particular industries. It is expected that the monthly survey will be extended to other industries and in time will cover every phase of industry in the state.

"The monthly survey and report will act as a barometer to business interests and to workers," said Mr. Connally.

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